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FRONT COVER CAPTION: QPR'S Clive Allen and Spurs' Garth Crooks — duelling for the FA Cup.

STAR

WITH the squad of players we've got at Spurs, we'll have failed miserably if we don't retain the FA Cup at Wembley on Saturday.

People keep telling me that we can look back on a good season whatever the result against QPR.

I suppose in a way they are right, but I believe we must have something to show for our efforts if we are to look back with any satisfaction.

That's why victory in the Cup Final means everything to us.

If we lift the Cup and have finished third or fourth in the League, then I believe it will have been a good season — especially as we were runners-up in the League Cup and only lost in the Semi-Finals of the European Cup Winner's Cup.

To come so close and miss out for a fourth time would be tragic, but it's not preying on our minds. Our only thoughts are positive and directed at retaining the FA

For my own part, I'm just relieved that the injury I suffered in England's British Championship clash with Wales hasn't affected my Final chances.

Miserable flops if Spurs lose — GLENN HODDLE

The ankie wasn't 100 per cent when I made my comeback against Leeds, but I felt I needed to get in as many games as possible before Saturday to make sure I was fit.

I took a complete rest for eleven days after the Wales game and, in my first two games back — against Leeds and West Ham — I felt tired for the final 20 minutes. I didn't want that happening at Wembley.

Of course, it was very frustrating sitting on the sidelines and watching our League title chances evaporate. I hate watching at the best of times.

But the young lads who came in for the injured regulars did a fabulous job and it's all good experience for them.

experience for them.
We are going to be hot favourites to beat Rangers on Saturday, however, but anyone who thinks it's going to be easy should just remember Leeds when they lost to Sunderland in 1973.

It's all about 3 o'clock on May 22 and what happens then. No-one knows just how it's going to affect players as they walk out of the Wembley tunnel.

I know some of our lads felt very tense in the first game against Manchester City in last year's Final and a lot may depend on how the occasion affects Rangers' younger players.

For instance, our preparation for last year's Final couldn't have been better. We were all so relaxed on the coach and in the dressing room. Out on the pitch we got all uptight.

Come the replay, we were a lot more relaxed in the game and played as we know we can do. We had the previous Saturday's occasion under our belts and our greater experience must stand us in good stead this time.

Last year is history, of course. Now we've got to go out and beat QPR.

And whilst it's always nice to turn on the style in such a showpiece match, winning is the first priority.

If we score one more goal than them it'll do for me!

You can forget the fact that QPR are a Second Division side, but I do believe we have one thing in our favour other than extra experience.

They play to a certain style on their artificial pitch at Loftus Road and they can't seem to get out of the habit away from home.

Without giving any secrets away, there is something in that style of play that we believe we can capitalise on.

As for individuals on their side, the first one that you think of is Tony Currie.

I think we are quite similar players and if Tony's on song he may be the one to make their side tick

I've always admired him as a player and I'm delighted for him that he's got to the FA Cup Final. Apart from his all-round vision,

Apart from his all-round vision he has the ability to be an individual within a team pattern—playing both well himself and for his team-mates.

Shame

It's a shame he never played for England more times.

Of the other Rangers players, we are certainly going to have to watch their two strikers, Simon Stainrod and Clive Allen very

closely.

Of course, we'll be hoping our own Garth Crooks can pop up with another match-winner as he did against both Arsenal and Leeds in the earlier rounds.

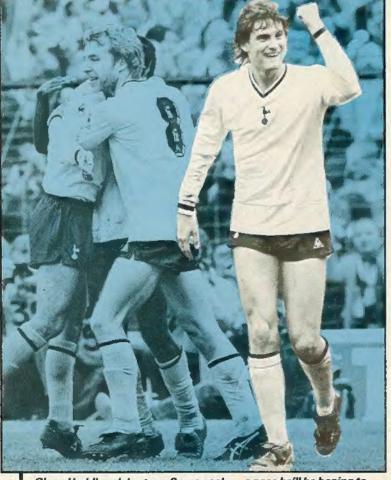
Considering his injury problems this season, Garth's done very well to score as many goals as he has.

Overall, however, I don't believe there is any one Spurs player who you could say has had a bad season and that's why we've achieved what we have.

I think we've proved this year that we can be consistent in the League and if we can win the FA Cup on Saturday and the squad stays together next season, I'm sure success can breed more success.

Clu Hodd

 Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.



Glenn Hoddle celebrates a Spurs goal . . . a pose he'll be hoping to strike again on Saturday.

The all-London clash between Queen's Park Rangers and holders Spurs in Saturday's FA Cup Final has all the ingredients of a classic. And the two men most widely tipped to steal the show are Rangers' Tony Currie and 'Match' columnist Glenn

is that I shan't be match-fit for the THE tragedy of my FA Cup Final dream greatest club day of my life.

Hoddle. They give their views . . .

After missing six of Rangers' last seven matches with an Achilles tendon problem, I suppose there was the danger of me missing Wembley.

I had never given it a thought for one moment because I intend to be part of that great day if at all possible.

I won't be match-fit and Rangers could be taking a big gamble, but I know the sense of the occasion at Wembley will lift me as it has done in the past when playing for England.

I've waited a long time for the chance of a

major domestic honour.

Apart from achieving promotion to the First Division with Sheffield United in 1971, I've got nothing to show at club level.

After three Semi-Final defeats with Leeds, I thought a Wembley appearance had eluded me because I never dreamed that I would be going there with Rangers.

Yet, full-back lan Gillard was predicting a Cup Final appearance back in the Fourth Round when we defeated Blackpool.

He felt it was going to be our year. I told him

not to talk so daft.

But after the Sixth Round win over Crystal Palace, I could then see his prediction coming

Now, having made it to the Final for the first time in the club's history, we are being written

But I honestly believe that we have a very good chance of upsetting the form book because we play a similar type of open game to Tottenham.

I have watched Spurs quite a lot in recent weeks, and there's no question that Glenn Hoddle makes them tick.

Midfield will be the area where the destiny of the Cup will be decided and, in that, myself and Glenn will probably be the key factors.

Whoever is allowed the most space to pull the strings will get most of the game, but a lot will depend on my fitness.

Six weeks ago, I was very fit and on top form, but now I've been knocked back by this injury. But if I play, then I plan to show

the fans glimpses of Tony Currie

Apart from myself, young Gary Waddock and John Gregory are no mean performers in midfield.

Gary, in particular, has made great strides this season on the skilful part of his game. In the past he has been more noted for his strength.

In attack, Clive Allen and Simon Stainrod are probably the most productive goal-scoring pair outside the First Division.

There is no doubt that we will make chances at Wembley, but it's just a question of taking them.

If Clive and Simon are on song, then we'll get our share of the



I'm Rangers' big gamble **TONY CURR**

We have a First Division pool of players at Rangers, but you've got to get there to prove it.

After missing out on promotion this season, the lads will be doubly keen to advertise their ability at Wembley.

But to be frank, we didn't deserve promotion this time because we never produced the goods away from home.

Our attacking style was probably our downfall away from Loftus Road because we threw away a lot of silly points, particularly towards the end of the season.

But our promotion bid is now history. I'm just looking forward to Saturday and tasting that Wembley atmosphere again.

I have some happy memories

of playing at Wembley.
I remember my England debut
there in 1972. Northern Ireland
skipper Terry Neill ruined my day with a late winner but, despite leaving the field early in the second half, I was pleased with my performance.

Then there was the 1-1 draw with Brazil in 1978 when I had perhaps my best game for

England. Being realistic, I suppose this could be my farewell performance at Wembley . . . unless England pick me, of

I have another year of my contract to run with Rangers, and I shall honour that, but after that, who knows?

I want to keep playing for as long as possible, with some of my final years spent in the First Division.

Hopefully, I can get back to the First Division with Rangers next season as the FA Cup

 Tony Currie was talking to Melvyn Beck.

Match is tops!

says KEVIN KEEGAN

WELCOME to a great Cup Final souvenir edition of 'Match Weekly', capturing all the excitement and glamour of one of the biggest days in the football calendar

It's packed with pictures and stories previewing the two big games at Wembley and Hampden and I'm sure you'll agree with me when I say it's a

winner all the way. This week, I'm sending out a personal invitation to 'Match Weekly readers': Come and watch me play for Southampton and meet me afterwards.

It's the top prize in a special World Cup competition and you'll find all the details on pages 18 and 19.

'Match' is the most up-to-date soccer magazine on the market and that's one of the reasons I enjoy it so much.

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PRETTY actress Suzanne Danielle was on hand to present the Omega/Variety Club Team of the Month' award for March to Tottenham manager Keith Birkinshaw before their home clash with Notts County

Tottenham players Graham Roberts, Mike Hazard, skipper Steve Perryman and Glenn Hoddle were all eager to get into the picture with the lovely Suzanne.

Suzanne's top team

At the same time a cheque for £2,000 was given to the Variety Club by the sponsors Omega Chewing Gum — the money going towards a Sunshine Coach.

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ARSENAL lost out to the 'lure of the lire' in their bid to bring French star

Michel Platini to Highbury next season.

The French midfield inspiration admitted that he would have joined the Londoner's, but the financial draw of Italian giants Juventus proved too

I would have liked to join Arsenal because they are famous and because they don't have the man to man marking they have in Italy," says 27-year-old Platini.

But I couldn't overlook the financial aspect. Plus, with Juventus, I will

only train about 90 minutes a day. Platini has reportedly been offered a gigantic salary in the region of

£430,000 a year. Juventus have now spent close on £1 million on Pletini (from St-Etienne) and Poland forward Zbigniew Boniek (26) from Widzew Lodz. And the arrival of those two European stars next season could mean a

turn to Britain of former Arsenal midfield ace Liam Brady Both Platini and Boniek will join Juventus after the World Cup Finals.



LEFT: Celtic star Tommy Burns receives the 'Match Weekly' Scottish Premier Division 'Matchman of the Month' award for March from his team mate, Danny McGrain, Scotland's World Cup skipper.

RIGHT: Liverpool's new scoring machine lan Rush shows off his second 'Match Weekly Matchman of the Month' award of the season. He adds the March award to the one he collected in January as he continued among the goals in his first full season in Division One.

Ron's men honour Les

FULHAM are to become part of England's World Cup build-up.

The Third Division side are to meet a strong England team on the eve of the FA Cup Final (May 21) in a testimonial match for

full-back Les Strong.
According to Fulham manager
Malcolm Macdonald, England boss
Ron Greenwood is planning to use the match as a serious work-out for his World Cup squad.

"We consider it a great accolade for one of the game's unsung heroes that the England manager and his team should honour Les in this way," says the former England striker.

Les has made more than 350 League appearances for Fulham since joining them from Crystal

NO RETURN

ENGLAND striker Tony Woodcock won't be returning to * his former club Nottingham Forest next season when his contract with Cologne expires. Forest boss Brian Clough has

decided not to take up his option of bringing Woodcock back to the City Ground three years after his £650,000 move to Germany.

GLENN'S SHADOW

QUEEN'S Park Rangers midfield player John Gregory will be out to stifle the skills of his favourite player in Saturday's FA Cup Final.

John regards England's Glenn Hoddle as the top player in the country and he says: "Every footballer in England should be envious of his ability."

Formerly with Northampton, Brighton and Aston Villa, John has a close affinity with Rangers' Wembley rivals.

He rates Tottenham as his favourite other team and White Hart Lane as his top hunting ground. It was there that Villa crushed Spurs 4-1 in a First Division clash nearly four years ago — and that rates as his most memorable match.

Look out for John being fourth in line when Rangers walk out of the famous tunnel on Saturday.

His other superstition you won't see on television . . . he puts his short on last!

Simon says . . .

QUEEN'S Park Rangers' top scorer Simon Stainrod believes in aiming

When he quits playing, he wants to manage England and steer them to the World Cup.

On Saturday Simon will be looking for the right kind of service from his favourite player, Tony Currie.

'He always has the skill to surprise," says Simon about his team mate.

Young Lions meet Germans

ENGLAND'S Under-21 side will be facing West Germany in the Final of the European

Championship later this year.
The Germans slammed Russia 9-3 on aggregate in their

After a 4-3 victory behind the Iron Curtain, the young Germans swept to a 5-0 win in Aachen in the second leg — two of the goals coming from their World Cup striker Pierre Littbarski.

Geoff calls it a day

GEOFF Salmons, the 35-year-old Chesterfield midfield player, has decided to hang up his boots.

The former Leicester, Sheffield United and Stoke player has made only three League appearances this season because of a recurring hamstring injury.

Hunter back on the trail

FORMER Northern Ireland centre-half Allan Hunter is the new player-manager of Fourth Division Colchester.

The 35-year-old Ipswich stalwart has taken over from Bobby Roberts who was sacked earlier this month with three and a half years of his

contract still to run.

Ex-Oldham and Blackburn defender Allan has been out of League football since November 1980, although he made a senior comeback this season in Ipswich Town's FA Cup defeat at Shrewsbury.

His move to Colchester arouses speculation that his former Ipswich defensive partner, Kevin Beattie, could link up with him now that he has decided to make a comeback after serious knee problems.

MANCHESTER United are being sponsored next season by the electronics giant, Sharp Electronics (UK) Ltd.

Sharp, the Manchester-based subsidiary of a Japanese corporation, are ploughing £500,000 into the deal which is a record for British football.

Meanwhile, United have once again ventured across the Irish Sea

to sign another potential star. He's 22-year-old St Patrick's player Paul McGrath who was recently voted the Republic of Ireland's 'Player of the Year.'

Turned on Town

IPSWICH are looking to a computer to help them next season.

But don't worry — it's not going to give them an unfair advantage on the field.

The computer in question has been installed at Portman Road to make the handling of season ticket reservations faster and more reliable.

Jim goes 'down under'

FORMER Scotland defender Jim Holton, who hasn't played a League match for 18 months, may spend the summer in Australia with Tommy Docherty.

The ex-Manchester United centre-half joined Sheffield Wednesday this season from Coventry, but has been unable to find a place in Jack Charlton's promotion-chasing side.

Now he is prepared to go anywhere on loan, even if it means going to the other side of the world!

 Birmingham broke their away voodoo in style with a 4-1 trouncing of Notts County. It was their first away League success since November 1980, a sequence of 31 matches.



CYRILLE'S ACCOLADE

ENGLAND and West Brom striker Cyrille Regis receives the Midlands 'Footballer of the Year' trophy from Nottingham

Forest manager Brian Clough.
Cyrille finished ahead of Aston Villa defender Allan Evans and his West Brom skipper John Wile in a pole conducted by the Midlands soccer writers.

"I'm glad the award has gone to a striker," said the Forest boss. "These are the people who create all the excitement and attract the fans to the games." Over at Ipswich, Scotland striker Alan Brazil has been voted 'Player of the Year' by the fans.

Spurs spoilers

CUP finalists Tottenham ended Liverpool's hopes of establishing a new record of consecutive

After accumulating 11 straight wins in the First Division, Wins in the First Division,
Liverpool were held to a 2-2 draw
at White Hart Lane.
The record of 14 successive
victories is held by Manchester
United Reight City and Presson

United, Bristol City and Preston.

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Aston Villa bid to maintain Britain's proud record in the European Cup when they face Bayern Munich in the Final in Rotterdam on May 26 and here 'Match' brings you the exclusive views of their fourgoal hero Tony Moriey . . . and the verdict of Alan Kennedy, Liverpool's match winner in last year's Final.

BAYERN Munich will be too strong . . . too experienced! I know for a fact that even before the game starts, we've been written off.

But that suits us down to the ground.

We've been the underdogs in every round apart from the First when we played Valur of Iceland.

when we played Valur of Iceland. But the lads have performed tremendously and now we are in the Final . . . at our first attempt!

Even three times winners Liverpool can't match that.

Bayern Munich are a team packed with big stars and I understand that Paul Breitner has already said that he'll be the one holding the European Gup aloft on May 26.

As far as he's concerned, it seems, it's all over.

All I can say is that in a cup-tie, it's all about who performs best over 90 minutes and anything can happen.

Bayern do have a lot of European experience and, on the night, it may prove decisive, but we'll be giving 110 per cent to

disprove that theory.

They may believe they are going to beat us by two or three clear goals, but we have proved we have the skill to match them ... and we may be more equipped to a tech

equipped to attack.
I don't think we have been given the credit we deserve.

Last season, everyone seemed to be saying that ipswich deserved to win the League.

We were dubbed 'one-season wonders' and yet here we are in one of the biggest Finals in Europe!

Okay, we haven't done so well in the League this season — even though we've played it exactly the same.

The fact is we haven't had enough players playing consistently well, week in, week

And while Bayern probably feel they would rather be playing us than Liverpool or even Anderiecht, who we beat in the Semi-Finals, it may be false confidence.

They might feel that our style of play will allow them more room, but we've only conceded two goals en route to the Final and when we are playing well, we are a very hard side to beat. Even though it's our first time

Even though it's our first time in the European Cup, the lads have been really relaxed before each tie.

In fact, I've never seen them so at ease and one of the reasons for that must be down to the attitude of manager Tony Barton.

It has not been his style to fill us with pre-match tactics.

He may come in about five minutes before we go out and give players certain jobs to do, but basically he'll just be wishing us all the best.

It hasn't really changed that much since Mr Saunders was in charge. The new manager has demanded the same work-rate, but maybe he has given certain Individuals a chance to express themselves a bit more.

it's difficult to pick out individual performances en route to the Final, but Des Bremner has played a vital role.

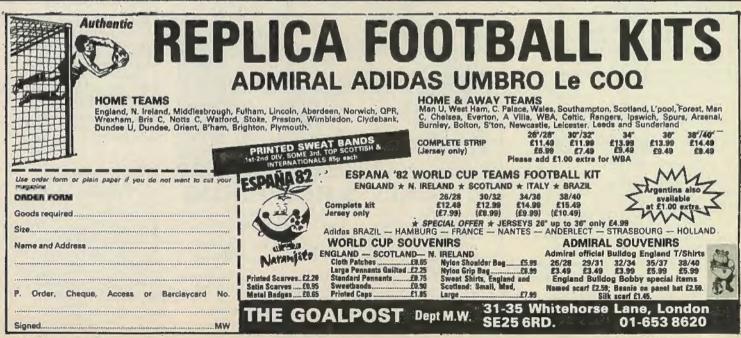
I may have grabbed the headlines with my four goals, but Des has got through so much work.

If he was absent through injury for any length of time, the team would miss him so much — he's such a fit lad and he never gives in.

Looking back, I think our toughest tie was against the East Germans of Dynamo Berlin where we got through on the away goals rule.

And I think the turning point of our Cup campaign came when Jimmy Rimmer saved that penalty in the first leg at their place when the score was 1-1.

I managed to give us a 2-1 lead and while the Germans beat us 1-0 at our place, we went through. That shows how vital



Britain's European Cup record

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1976-77: LIVERPOOL 3 Borussia Moenchengladbach (W. Germany) 1 1977-78: LIVERPOOL 1 FC Bruges (Belgium) 0

1978-79: NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1 Malmo (Sweden) 0

(Sweden) 0 1979-80; NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1 SV Hamburg (W. Germany) 0 1980-81; LIVERPOOL 1 Real Madrid (Spain) 0

Jimmy's save was.

It was one of my two goals in that tie which won ITV's 'Star Soccer Goal of the Season' award.

But while it may have looked special on television - and it did give me a great deal of pleasure - the one which gave me most satisfaction was the only goal of our Semi-Final tie against Anderlecht.

It was a reaction effort really, but it came from a good move and, with it coming in the Semi-Final, it's really something to look back on.

Now I'm really looking forward to the Final and I just hope I don't freeze on the night.

I've enjoyed every minute of European competition and I'm convinced the big games bring the best out of me.

I don't mind the man-to-man marking one bit. In fact I quite enjoy it because I know it's me against my marker.

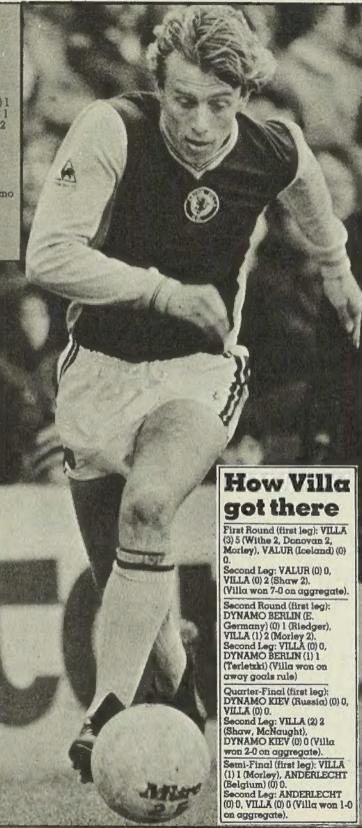
A friend told me he'd read somewhere that the Bayern full-back who will be marking me has said that there's no way I'll get past him - with or without the ball - but we'll see on the night.

For now, we'll let the Germans do all the shouting!

The European Cup has remained in England for the past five years and we are determined to make it six in a row.

it's an unbelievable record and that has brought more pressure to bear on us than anything. We are so keen not to let the country down.

I just hope the fans don't let anyone down, either. Next Wednesday in Rotterdam will be a special occasion.



Tony Morley — "We haven't been given the credit we deserve but we're determined to make it six in a row for England.

Villa to sneak it



says ALAN KENNEDY

ALAN Kennedy -- Liverpool's European Cup winner last season
— is backing Aston Villa to retain the trophy for England.

But the full-back admits: "In terms of experience, it's a battle between the glants of Bayern Munich and the minnows of Villa.

Bayern have done it all before. They've won the trophy three times so they know what to expect. This is Villa's first season in the competition. "Having said that, Villa are one of

the best club sides in Europe and I fancy them to steal a victory in Rotterdem.

"It's the most important game in Aston Villa's history, but I don't think they'll freeze. They have the sort of players who love the big occasion "Most of the Villa players are inter-

nationals so they are used to the high-pressure games," added Alan. "I'll certainly be rooting for them. I'm English through and through and very proud of our record in the com-

Alan knows just how tough to beat the West Germans will be. Liverpool played them in the Semi-Final of last year's competition and crept through on the away goals rule.

"Bayern impressed me tremendous-ly when we played them at Anfield and they could have beaten us.

They love to come forward - it's the only way they can play. I was very surprised to hear that CSKA Sofie knocked four goals past them in the Semi-Final. Their defence is usually very tight.

"I'm glad that the Germans beat Sofia and that's not sour grapes because they beat us this season. I believe it will be a more entertaining final with Bayern involved.

There are so many players to watch in the Bayern side that it's impossible to pick out a match-winner. Everyone talks about Poul Breitner and Karl Heinz Rummenigge, but there are eight other outfield players who are so dangerous!

"Villa will have to soak up a lot of early pressure because I expect Bayern to come at them from the start. But I've no doubt their defence can hold out - they've proved very strong In Europe this season.

Alan believes that Villa's main weapon could be the combination of their newly-capped duo, Peter Withe

and winger Tony Morley.
"I'm going for Aston Villa to sneak the European Cup 2-1 and make it six times in a row for English clubs."

Please God,

let us win

by GARTH CROOKS SPURS

€ WE will get an idea of what it feels like to be on 'death row' when we step out against QPR.

We are favourites to win but so were Leeds when they last to Sunderland in 1973.

Manchester United when they lost to Southampton in 1976 and Arsenal when they lost to West Ham in 1980! All of them were killed off at Wembley.

But as I said before this

But as I said before this season's campaign started, it's going to take an excellent side to take the Cup away from us and that still stands.

It was such a good feeling when we lifted the trophy last year and we want to experience it again. We'd hate to become just another team in the line of favourites who just never made it.

QPR's Simon Stainrod says that everyone is going to enjoy the Final except Spurs! All I can say to that is: I'm

glad he's so confident.

I think the records show that the so-called 'underdogs' normally do very well. For my own part I just hope that the best team wins . . . and that on the day we have what it takes to live up to our 'favourites' tag.

No one team has any divine right to win, but it will be our fifth Wembley appearance in the space of a year and all of our players are quite used to the occasion.

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That may guarantee nothing on the day, but every little bit of experience helps and it's surely going to be more difficult for the Rangers players to come to terms with the occasion and what it means.

Naturally they are looking forward to the game. It's the first time the club has reached the Final.

But we are just as excited about the prospect. It would be laughable to suggest that because we were there last year it doesn't mean as much this time around.

The FA Cup is the greatest

The FA Cup is the greatest competition in the world — you love every minute!

love every minute!

I was lucky enough to play in the centenary Final last year and now, providing I'm picked to play, I'm fortunate enough to be taking part in the one hundred and first. Please God it will be with the same result!

will be with the same result! It was my first Wembley appearance when we played Manchester City in last year's Final and my childhood dream lived up to all expectations.

No one moment stands out because it was all special — the build-up, the day of the match, the fans along Wembley Way, the atmosphere inside the stadium, everything

stadium, everything.
Of course when we found
ourselves 1-0 down to a Tommy
Hutchison goal it suddenly

Hutchison goal it suddenly seemed a bit less glamorous! But we tried desperately to claw our way back into the game and finally pulled level with that deflected Glenn Hoddle free-kick

Hoddle free-kick.
It was a little disconcerting in extra time because a lot of our players were going down with cramp and I felt City were finishing stronger than we were.

Replay

The replay the following
Thursday brought about a
strange feeling in many ways
because we had to prepare
ourselves all over again. I
remember we went to watch
England play Brazil on the
Tuesday before and then it was
back to our own task in hand

back to our own task in hand.
You couldn't help thinking of
all the players who never got
the chance to play at Wembley.
Here we were preparing to play
there for the second time in

less than a week!
It's history now that we went on to win the replay of course and with two-thirds of Wembley packed with Londoners it was a night to remember.

ramamber.
As holders, all eyes were on us in the Third Round of this season's campaign when we beat Arsenal 1-0 at White Hart Lane. But it was the Fourth Round clash at home against Leeds that provided us with our bardest game.

hardest game.
If I'm honest I was virtually resigned to a trip to Leeds for a replay before we scored the winner... and it wasn't a particularly pleasing thought!

Struggling

They had played well on the day and there was no doubt we were struggling to score a goal. Then Mike Hazard was brought on as the minutes ticked away and he did the damage — his work paving the way for me to knock in the winner.

I don't like singing out individuals because everyone

I don't like singling out individuals because everyone who has come into the side this season has done a great job to The two opposing forwards most likely to find the back of the net at Wembley talk to 'Match Weekly'.



Spurs' leading scorer this season I won't be feeling any extra pressure.

I like to look at myself as more than just a goalscorer and to that end I have been disappointed with my

consistency this season.
But I can't really complain.
Prior to our match against
Nottingham Forest recently I'd
scored 17 goals despits
missing 20 matches through
injury. Who am I to argue?
I never thought I would

I never thought I would achieve so much in such a short space of time when I joined Spurs from Stoke, but I'm playing for a great club with some great players and from my striking partner Steve Archibald to Ray Clemance in goal they've all helped tremendously.

I think we've all come a long way in the last twelve months and we go into the Cup Final already guaranteed a place in the UEFA Cup next season

thanks to our League position.
I'm sure that if the team stays
together we can reach even
greater heights.

 Garth Crooks was talking to Paul Stratton.

Homework

nerve-wracking it was in the Semi-Final against Wolves the

year before and I think one or

went under to the pressure of the occasion.

two of the Leicester players

So now for Queen's Park Rangers in the Final! Their manager Terry Venables will have done his homework on us that's for sure and I'm a great admirer of midfielder Tony Currie

His legs may not allow him to run as far as he did, but he's the kind of player who can make the ball work for him.

Looking to their forward line, any defence must have respect for Clive Allen and Simon Stainrod. Their goalscoring records speak for themselves and they've proved they can do

and they've proved they can do
it at any level.
I shall be more concerned
with their defence and the two
men at the centre of that—
Glenn Roeder and Bob Hazell—
are both good players. I've
played against both of them
before so I know them
reasonably wall and I'll just be
hoping to get the upper hand.
While I go into the Finals as

DAN FRINF

It's going to be an attractive Final and everyone will enjoy it . . . except Spurs!

I prove

by SIMON STAINROD OPR

OPR are every bit as good as Tottenham and I'm sure that my skipper Glenn Roeder will be the man holding the FA Cup aloft at Wembley on Saturday.

It's going to be an attractive Final and everyone will enjoy it . . . except Spurs!

Over the last few weeks we've proved that we have the players capable of winning the trophy. Some of our performances have been fantastic. We've annihilated some teams as we've tried for the

cup and promotion double.

We scored 11 goals in just two
games and during that spell it was
like playing for Liverpool—
everything just clicked into place.
This is the best footballing side

I've ever had the privilage of playing for. We combine hard work and determination with skill.

As well as myself and Clive Allen, the team has so many other players who can score goals and turn the game on their own.

Simon Stainrod - "Everyone will enjoy the Final except

During our big wins over Bolton (7-1) and Newcastle (4-0) only Mike Flanagan scored more than once in

I've always had confidence in my own ability and I know that I'm good enough to play at the top
good enough to play at the top
level. Wembley gives me a chance
to prove to people I'm right.
But I'm not going out there to
show the world how good I am. I'll
just be doing my very best to win

the game for Queens Park

I want to play a good game for the team. If I get a chance to shine then all well and good. At the end of the day the most important thing is victory.

Tottenham have much more experience of cup finals than ourselves, but I don't think that will affect the result. Our lads won't freeze. If you want to get to the top, as we do, you've got to

get used to the big games. Even though West Brom was my first ever semi-final I wasn't overawed by the occasion. The only feelings I had were of excitement. In fact if anyone did freeze it was the First Division

Talent

Obviously we're not going to underestimate Tottenham because they are a very good side with a lot of talented players.

Along with our own Tony Currie I regard Glenn Hoddle as one of the best passers of a ball I've ever seen. We've got to keep his contribution down to a minimum even if it means tying up one of our men to do it.

We've got to stop him getting the ball with his face to goal that's when he's at his most

There's no-one around with the same vision, passing skills or goalscoring ability. He can hit the target from well outside the box.

Having said that, I believe Glenn's efficiency has suffered following the departure of Ossie Ardiles. He was the man who did all the spadework which created the freedom for Glenn to shine.

Although strikers Steve **Archibald and Garth Crooks** haven't had the best of season's because of injury, they are still one of the most dangerous goalscoring



combinations and we'll have to watch them very closely.

There were times when thought we'd go out. We looked likely for an early exit in the fourth round when we were held 0-0 at Fourth Division Blackpool.

Our goalkeeper Peter Hucker made some great saves and in the end a draw was a good result for

Back at our place we hammered them 5-1 with Clive Allen hitting the net four times.

Many people are surprised to see us at Wembley, but I had a sneaking feeling that we'd reach

During all the controversy about the synethetic pitch at Loftus Road and rumours that we wouldn't be allowed to play an FA Cup-tie at home, I said to the lads that we'd win the Cup this year.

It's just the sort of ironic thing that happens in life!

 Simon Stainrod was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

Clive Alien (nearest camera) -QPR's top scorer in the Cup this

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LARE-UP CAUSES IPPER TO WALK OUT AT HALF-TIME!

MY last two seasons at Leicester were unhappy ones and in the end I was just desperate to get away from Filbert

I had a few problems both on and off the pitch and I should have left the club sooner than I actually did.

On the pitch, manager Jimmy Bloomfield was intent on grooming a youngster called Bob Lee to become the club's regular number nine and that meant I was being played out of position at inside right.

That 1975-76 season was the only time

during my Leicester days that I didn't finish up as the club's leading goalscorer.

Bob, who's now leading the Carlisle attack. is an honest, big, bustling centre-forward, but he wasn't really First Division standard. He played just over a season for us before

moving to Sunderland for £200,000. My team-mate Keith Weller hit the headlines that season when he refused to come out for the second half of our game against Ipswich after an argument with me.

Keith was club captain and I told him that I feit he was playing for himself too much. I thought he should contribute more to the

team as skipper.

A fierce row followed in the dressing room and it ended with Keith throwing off his shirt and boots and getting into the bath and refusing to come out for the

I just couldn't believe It. A man has got to be a man and go out and finish the job. In the end, we had to bring on our substitute.

There's friction and disagreement at every football club at some time and Leicester was no different, although there did seem to be two distinct camps among the players -Londoners and the rest.

The end came for me at Leicester when I told the club that I couldn't play for them any

I was due to sign a new contract and part of the agreement reached with Jimmy Bloomfield was that I'd be able to go to South Africa and do some coaching out there.

As far as I was concerned, everything was fixed up. I'd bought the plane tickets and sorted out all my accommodation.

Then Leicester sacked Jimmy Bloomfield and told me I couldn't go. I told them to stick it.

As far as I was concerned, I'd played my last game for the club. I just couldn't walt to get away from Filbert Street and move back up North.

Leicester eventually appointed Frank McLintock as their new boss and he promised me that if I played for him at the beginning of the 1977-78 season, he would help me get away. He was as good as his word because after seven games, my old Huddersfield boss lan Greaves came in with a bid for me.

I had no second thoughts about joining him at Bolton even though they were in Second



OF THE BATH

Former England centre-forward Frank Worthington is telling all, and he's telling it to Match!

It's the life story of one of the game's great characters and it makes fascinating reading.

This week he tells of his bust-up with Leicester and the subsequent move back North to Bolton which led to the formation of a formidable striking partnership . . .

Division. I was just relieved to get away from Leicester.

The only thing that did upset me a little was the fact that I went up there originally on a month's loan. I felt it was ridiculous that I had to prove myself all over again.

myself all over again.
But lan obviously wanted to see how I fitted in with the rest of the team before he splashed out £90,000 to buy me.

There's a lot of pressure on a loan player, so I was keen to do well, but I couldn't have wished for a better start because I scored on my debut for Bolton in a 1-1 draw against Stoke.

The goal was made by Neil Whatmore — a man with whom I struck up a formidable goal-scoring partnership. We just seemed to hit it off together from the start.

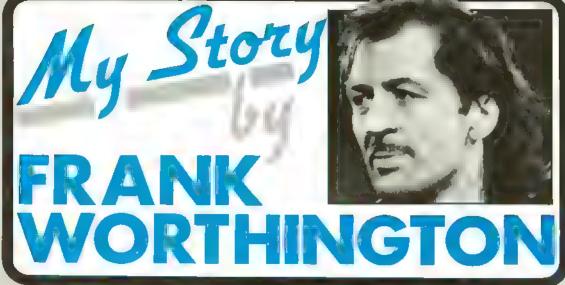
I regard Neil as one of the best finishers in the country. He's got great skills and it was a pleasure playing alongside him.

playing alongside him.
Bolton had a good team in those days and I especially enjoyed playing in the same side as former Scottish winger Willie Morgan. He'd been a boyhood hero of mine and I used to watch him play for Burnley and Manchester United.

In midfield we had Peter Reid, who I rated as a potential England international. He's had his problems at Burnham Park in the past, but the ability is still there.

In fact, Peter is the sort of player that Leeds could do with at the moment. He's the type that you can build your team around — because he's got the skill to control the middle of the park.

My first season at Bolton were exciting days for all of us because we were pushing hard for promotion. In the two previous



campaigns, the club had just missed out, but there was a feeling that we'd make it this time.

And we chose a local derby game against Blackburn to make sure that we went up to the First Division. It was a fabulous night, full of atmosphere and excitement.

Over 27,000 people were packed into Blackburn's Ewood Park — most of them Bolton fans — and they went crazy when I scored the only goal of the game. It was enough to see us back in the First Division after a 14-year absence.

Celebrations lasted long into the night after the game — I think I even had a drink to toast our success!

Our first season back in the top flight was tough, but we managed to consolidate our position and finish 17th.

Even though we struggled, I finished the season as the League's leading goalscorer with 24 goals — finishing ahead of Kenny Dalglish and West Brom's Tony Brown.

Tony Brown.

As I said last week, winning the Adidas Golden Boot award for being top scorer in the League is one of my proudest achievements.

At the end of the season, the chance came up for me to play in America during the summer. It was a chance I couldn't refuse. I'll tell you about that next week.

Fri Protection

 Frank Worthington was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



The man the Second Division underdogs must beat — Spurs and England goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

Scottish international Steve
Archibald — one half of Spurs'
deadly striking duo who will be
gunning for goals on Saturday.

sharp-shooting striker Smith sharp-shooting striker Smith Steinrod the club's leading steinrod the sector and the



arprise qualifiers

WHEN Northern Ireland figured in the very first qualifying match of the 1982 World Cup Finals in Israel two years ago, few would have bet on them being around when the competition proper kicked off.

At the time, Portugal or Sweden were the more realistic choices to progress to Spain with Scotland from group Six.

But the Irish, with their odd blend of players from the lower divisions and First Division reserve teams, laced with fierce patriotism, have defied logic in reaching the Finals for only the second time.

The Irish clung on to a goalless draw that hot afternoon in Tel-Aviv, and, ironically Israel were the opponents again when 20 months later Billy Bingham's side found themselves needing a point to achieve what seemed the impossible.

A Gerry Armstrong goal secured that coveted place in Spain where they will be hoping to emulate the success of their 1958 predecessors.

That squad, which included current boss Billy Bingham, arrived in Sweden as rank outsiders, but fought their way through to the Quarter-Finals where they crashed 4-0 to France.

This time, Irish hopes of surviving beyond the First Round could hinge on the outcome of

HOWTHEY

EUROPEAN GROUP SIX-Israel O, Northern Ireland O -Tel Aviv. March 26, 1980 Northern Ireland 3 (Brotherston, McIlroy, Nichall J.) Sweden 0 — Bellast, Oct. 15, 1980.

Portugal 1, Northern Ireland 0 — Lisbon, Nov 19, 1980 Scotland 1, Northern Ireland 1 (Hamilton) - Glasgow, March

Northern Ireland 1 (Armstrong), Portugal 0 — Beliast, April 29,

Sweden 1, Northern Ireland 0 -Solna, June 3, 1981 Northern Ireland 0, Scotland 0 — Beliast, Oct. 14, 1981. Northern Ireland 1 (Armstrong), Israel 0 — Beliast, Nov. 18, 1981.

LEADING SCORER: Armstrong

DISTRIBUTE SAIDS

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their opening clash with Yugoslavia, assuming that Spain make home advantage tell to qualify from the group,

Crushing 4-0 defects by England and France since that Belfast night of celebration did little to boost confidence, although their 1-1 draw with Scotland must have healed some of the score.

Having conceded just three goals in their six qualifying matches, the disasters in

Below: Stoke's Sammy Mcliroy will be a key figure in Northern Ireland's midfield.



England and France were strictly out of character for an Irish side that will be looking to experienced players like Pat Jennings and Chris Nicholl for inspiration.

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

June 17 --- Yugoslavia

(Zaragoza). June 21 — Honduras (Zaragoza). June 25 — Spain (Valencia).

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1958 (Quarter-Finals).

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This week, it's the turn of Northern Ireland and

MATCH **ERDICT***

WILL Irish eyes be smiling after the First Round matches in Spain? Leaves sectionly supplies on their day of achieving the kind of result section Yugoslavia in the first match that could set

But they will have to show more defensive resolve and forward shar than they did against England and I recently if they are to shaug off their

They have sufficient quality is what without to come thre ugh the limit test, so on't be recorded if they are still around or the second stage.

SECOND ROUND

Probable squad

	PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION	CAPE
	Pat JENNINGS	36	Arsenal	Goalkeeper	90
1	Jim PLATT	29	Middlesbrough	Goalkeegar	14
	Eric McMANUS	31	Stake Toronto (Can.)	Goalkeeper	42
1	Jimmy NICHOLL	24		Delender	
П	Chris NICHOLL	34	Southampton	Defeather	38
Ц	Sammy NELSON	32 23	Brighton	Detender	50
П	John O'NEILL		Leicester	Defender	17
П	Mai DONAGHY	24	Lutan	Defender	11
П	John McCLELLAND	27	Rangers	Defender	9
П	Gerry McELHINNEY	26	Bolton	Defender	
П	Sammy McILROY	27	Stoke	Midfield	55
Н	Martin O'NEILL	28	Narwich	Midfield	43
П	Felix HEALEY	26	Coloraine	Midfield	1 1
Н	Tommy CASSIDY	32	Burnley	Midfield	23
IJ	David McCREERY	25	Tulsa (USA)	Midfield	37
ı	Trever ANDERSON	30	Linfield	Midfield	22
	Bobby CAMPBELL	25	Bradford City	Striker	1
ı	Noel BROTHERSTON	25	Blackburn	Striker	13
1	Derek SPENCE	30	Southend	Striker	30
	Terry COCHRANE	27	malledbrough	Striker	18
1	Gerry ARMSTRONG	27	Widded	Striker	36
1	Billy HAMILTON	24	Burntey	Striker	16

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NORTHERN IRELAND (left to right) — Martin O'Neill, Gerry Armstrong, Pat Jennings, John O'Neill, Sammy Nelson, Billy Hamilton, Terry Cochrane, David McCreery, Jimmy Nicholl, Sammy McIlroy, Chris Nicholl.

Band of exiles

PERU head for the World Cup Finals masterminded by a 72-year-old Brazilian coach and with an unconventional goalkeeper quaintly referred to as 'El Loco' in Argentina four years ago.

The antics of goalkeeper Ramon Quiroga are still recalled with some amusement. Remember he was booked against Poland for a foul committed over the half-way Innel

But those hilanous interludes shouldn't blind the fact that Peru humiliated Scotland and embarrassed Holland in winning their First Round group against all expectations in 1978

They succumbed to the superior skills of Brazil,
Argentina and Poland in the second phase, but they left behind a creditable advertisement for Peruvian

HOW THEY **GOT THERE**

SOUTH AMERICAN GROUP TWO:

Colombia 1, Peru 1 (La Rosa) — Bogota, July 7, 1981. Peru 2 (Barbadillo, Uribe pen), Colombia 0 — Lima, Aug. 16,

Uruguay 1, Peru 2 (La Rosa, Uribe) — Montevideo, Aug. 23,

Peru 0, Uruguay 0 - Lima,

Sept. 6, 1981. LEADING SCORERS, Uribe, La Rosa, 2.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	AB	ets
PERU	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Uruguay	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Colombia	4	0	2	2	4	7	2

Manager Marcos Calderon quit after the 6-0 defeat by Argentina and it was regarded as something of a 'surrender' by the incensed Brazilians, who missed out on goal difference.

Calderon simply put it down to tiredness, but he returned two years later only to resign again shortly before the qualifying matches, claiming he hadn't the backing of the FA.

In the end, Peru discovered a 72-year-old Brazilian, Elba de Padua Lima — known in this part of the world as Tim - and gave him £60,000 over three months to conjure up something of a

miracle.

That, he achieved, recalling exites from Colombia, Mexico, Chile, America and Belgium, to topple Uruguay, who just a few months before had lifted the prestigious Copa de Oro for previous World Cup winners.

Peru pulled off a major surprise by winning in Uruguay, with a side that included seven members of their foreign legion plus 37-year-old defender Hector Chumpitaz, a veteran of more than 120 internationals

The backbone of Peru's squad is supplied by the exiles — Juan Carlos Oblitas and Percy Rojas (in Belgium), Jose Velazquez,



Cesar Cueto and Guillermo La Rosa (în Colombia), Teofilo Cubillas (in America) and Geronimo Barbadillo (in Mexico).

But the home star is Julio Cesar

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP ONE. June 15 — Cameroon (La Coruna).

June 18 — Italy (Vigo) June 22 — Poland (La Coruna).

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1930, 1970 (Quarter Finalist), 1978 (Second Round).

COLOURS

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may not present such a formidable task in Europe—
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The Italians and Poles are aware of the warning signals, hick perhaps Scotland and Holland ignored last time.

FIRST ROUND EXIT

Probable squad

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PERU, back row (left to right) — Jaime Duarte, Hector Chumpitaz, Jose Velazquez, Toribio Diaz, Percy Rojas, Ramon Quiroga.

Front row — Geronimo Barbadillo, Cesar Cueto, Julio Cesar Uribe, Guillermo La Rosa, Juan Carlos Oblitas and coach.



NEIL McNAB (Brighton)

"I FANCY my old club Spurs to win. They have got so many good players and Wembley seems to suit

them.

"Rangers could have a chance if Tony Currie gets going. My old Brighton team-mate John Gregory could also do well at Wembley because he is so fit.

"Players like Glenn Hoddle and Stove Perryman could be Tottenham's key men although they will miss the telents of Ossie Ardiles.

"It could be a good Final because both sides like playing attractive football.
Prediction: TOTTENHAM 3 Q.P.R. 2

GERRY ARMSTRONG (Watford)

"BY all accounts, Tottenham should win the game without any problems. "But being a one-off occasion, one shouldn't

completely rule out Queen's Park Rangers who are capable of winning on their day.
"Simon Stainrod and Clive Allen are dangerous in front of goal and QPR have had some impressive wins

in recent weeks.

"But my former club Tottenham have by far the better players and, providing they aren't feeling the strain of a hard season, they should win by a couple

Prediction: TOTTENHAM 3. Q.P.R. 1





JOE CORRIGAN (Manchester City)

"A FEW weeks back, I would have had no doubts about Spurs winning, but they've had a few indifferent results in the run-up while Q.P.R. have

nomerent results in the run-up while Q.P.R. have been on the crest of a wave.

"Spurs' experience of the big matches may just tell in the end, but as the underdogs, Rangers have nothing to lose when they step out at Wembley.

"You never can tell in a Cup Final and the longer a stalemate situation exists, the more chance Q.P.R. will have, but I just take Spurs to win."

Prediction: TOTTENHAM 2 Q.P.R. 1

'Match' seeks the views of six top stars on the outcome of Saturday's Wembley showdown and they all go for Tottenham.



IMRE VARADI (Newcastle)

"Q.P.R. are very like Spurs in the way they play and they have much the same type of players but I can only see a Spurs victory.

only see a Spors victory.

"I wouldn't be surprised if Rangers produced something on the day. They can probably match Spurs for skill. Simon Stainrod has a good eye for goal and Rangers skipper Glenn Roeder is well in

control at the back.

"It would be nice to see a Second Division side win and I reckon they can at least force a replay, but l give Spurs the edge." Prediction: TOTTENHAM 1 O.P.R. 1

(Spurs to win the replay 2-0).

DEREK STATHAM (West Bromwich)

"Q.P.R. have been going well recently, but Tattenham have far more class and skill.

"I cen't really judge the merits of the Rangers side on the Semi-Final because we were so pathetic and they didn't have to try too hard to best us.

"Obviously Tony Currie is capable of upsetting Tottenham if he is allowed to get hold of the game, but I don't think he will get the chance.

"Simon Stainrod and Clive Alien have been among the goals all season, but they can't ecore if Tottenham keep the ball."

Prediction: TOTFENHAM 2 Q.P.R. 0





JOHN O'NEILL (Leicester)

"TOTTENHAM were very professional in everything they did in the Semi-Finals. We thought our non-stop approach would unsettle them, but they more than matched us in that department.

matched us in that coparament.
"C.P.R. might try to do the same, but in the end
Tottenham's extra class and skill should tell.
"C.P.R. have been accering a lot of goals and much
will depend on Tony Currie and Clive Allen, who
seems to be saving his goals for the Cup.
"On the Tottenham side, I think that Glenn Hoddle

and Garth Crooks will be the key men. Prediction: TOTTENHAM 2 Q.P.R. 1

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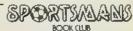
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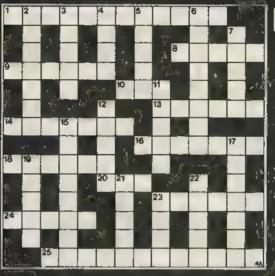
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- 1. Manager who has taken his club from the Fourth to the First Division in five seasons (5,6).
 13. Pashley, perhaps (5).
 15. Steve runs in super rings! (6).
 16. A former Manager of the Year himself, he has been the assistant of 1 across during the rise.

- 13. See 24 across
 14. A chap who likes his wine on the Road at Ipswich? (7)
 16. Cold country England will warm up against before the World Cup finals (7)
 18. Parker or Pilling (6)
 20. Bournemouth's initials (1,1,1)
 23. Two League victories in the same season over another club (6)
 24 & 13 across. 'Look' era, Eddy' (anagram) to find the fellow who scored 46 League goals in a season for Sheffield Wednesday (5,6)
 25. Former Ipswich and England star who has been forced out of the First Division because of Injury (5,7):

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- Robertson sends out a couple of letters to this Brazil striker (7)

- 8 razil striker (7).
 3 Potts was twice manager of Burnley (5).
 4 Bernsley bought him from Bristol City this season (4).
 5 A joint which takes a lot of punishment (5).
 8 Not the thing that would have been missed by 24 across ... (4,4).
 7 or by this striker who has had over 200 games for Gillingham (5).
 11 May, say but not the month (5).
 12 Country which was in the same World Cup

- qualifying group as Foliand and East Germans
 ((5) |
 18. The League record of 401 consecutive appearances was made by Harold Bell turning out for this club (8) |
 17. 'Nii, I say' (anagram) this Hungary striker will hope to do better! (7) |
 19. The beast of Boothferry Park (5) |
 21. Welsh midfielder capped many times with Burnley and Leads (5) |
 22. Chelsee manager between Blanchflower and Nea! (5) |
 23. Sexton, say (4) |



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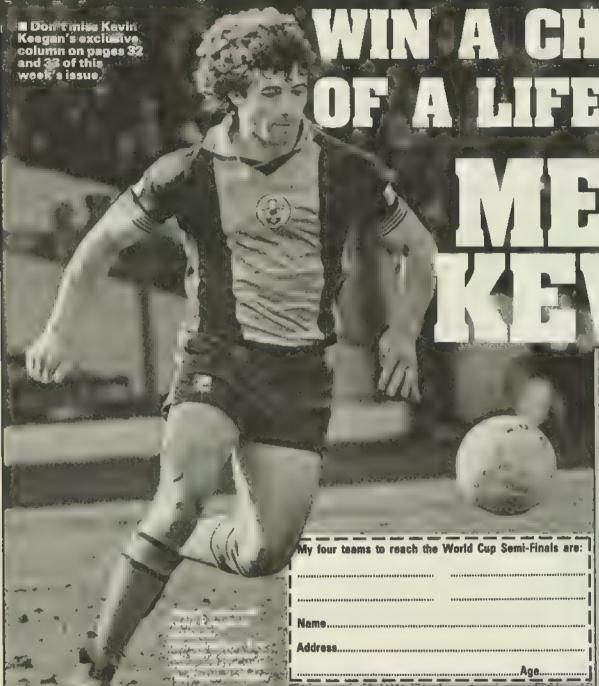
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GARTH Crooks scores Spurs' first goal (above) in this season's FA Cup Semi-Final against Leicester. What can you remember of the tie?

- A: Where was the game played?
- B: What was the final score?
- C: Which player had to leave the field with a serious injury?
- D: Can you identify the players with nine, ten and five on their shirts?
- E: Who was the Leicester substitute on the day?

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Riddle

I'M hoping to win my second FA Cup winner's medal on Saturday after picking up my first back in 1974. I started my League career at Scunthorpe and have been capped over 50 times for my country.

Don't miss next week's

'Match Weekly' for the

answer.

The solution to last week's riddle was Garth Crooks (Spurs).

TEST your knowledge of the English and Scottish FA Cup with this quick quiz.

1 Can you name the last four in last season's FA Cup? 2 Who did Aberdeen and Rangers beat in the Semi-Finals of the Scottish Cup this season? 3 Fourth Division glants Sheffield United were knocked out of the FA Cup by which non-League team?

4 Chalses pulled off the shock result of the competition by beating mighty Liverpool this season. Who scored their goals?

5 Who scored Dundee United's only goal in fast season's
Scottish Cup Final?
6 Who were Spurs' first
opponents in their defence of the
FA Cup this season?
7 True or faise? Aston Villa have won the FA Cup a record seven times? 8 Who scored both goals in the first FA Cup Final at Wembley last sesson? 9 Which team ended Third Division Exeter's brave Cup run last season? 10 Who scored the goals in the exciting 1978-79 Cup Final

between Arsenal and Man. Utd?

FOUR lucky 'Match' readers can win a chance to meet England's superstar skipper Kevin Keegan in another great FREE to enter competition!

'Match' has all the best prizes and we've done it again with this scoop. We've arranged a once-in-a-lifetime day out for the winner of our World Cup contest.

The winner will get a chance to meet and chat with Kevin after watching him in action for Southampton in a League game next season.

game next season.
Says Match Weekly
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competition and I look forward to meeting the winners after I

return from Spain."
All you have to do to stand a chance of winning this super prize is to predict the four teams you think will reach the Semi-Finals in this summer's World Cup Finals.
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We'll also be giving away
TEN autographed Kevin Keegan

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To refresh your memory, here's a list of the 24 teams who will be contesting the World Cup.

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HERE it is . . . exclusive to 'Match Weekly' readers . . the most complete dossier you'll find on the two teams competing in the FA Cup Final. It's a fact packed run down on all the Tottenham and Queen's Park Rangers players compiled from our regular Match Facts service Use our unique charts to find out who will be the key players on the big day and where the game may be won or lost. It's a guide that's a must for football fams and gives you all the information you could wish to know about the Landon rivals and how they compare in every department.

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QUEEN'S Park Rangers' hopes of winning the FA Cup for the first time hinge on how effectively they patrol Tottenham schemer Glenn Hoddle.

For the second successive year, the England star has been Tottenham's top player on the road to the great Wembley showpiece

And his clash with one of his England midfield predecessors, Tony Currie, promises to be one of the most fascinating aspects of this all-London showdown

Like Glenn, Tony has the mercurial skills to be a match winner on his day. But it could be a question of how the defences cope with the noted goalscorers in both attacks.

And in this department, Tottenham appear to have the edge in both experience and superior defensive skills.

Players of the calibre of Steve Perryman and Paul Price are more capable of holding Clive Allen and Simon Steinrod then Rangers are of muzzling Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks.

But, while Tottenham are favourites on marit, there's not a lot of difference in the cup ratings of the players and Rangers could easily pull of another Cup upset.

The two tables above show how we arrived at our average ratings — giving you each individual mark awarded to the players on the road to Wembley.

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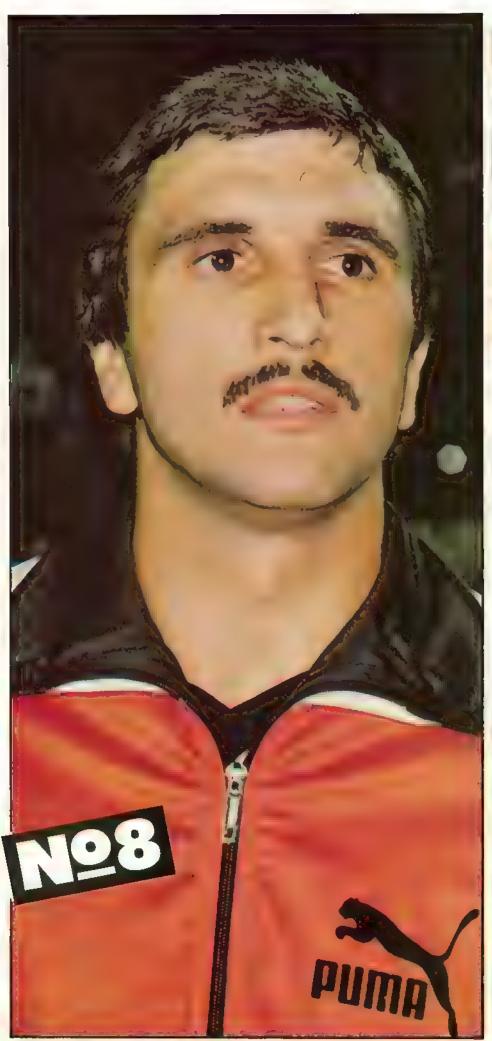
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HANS Kranki returns to Spain this summer eager to show the world the kind of ferm that made him Austrian Footballer of the Year five times in

Succession.

Krankl spent three years with Surcelens following his brilliant allowing in the 1970 World Cup in Argantina.

But the return trip will not be one full of happy memories of the Nou Camp stadium where he and Denmark's former European Feotballer of the Year Allan Simensen were expected to do great things, but failed.

One of them had to go when Barcelena signed Bernd Schuster from Cologne and it was Krankl, homesick for Austria, who got the chop.

He says: "I was not keen to go even though I had a had time with Barcelona. I managed to survive most of the had times until Schuster arrived, but my experiences in Spain have taught me a lot."

Now back with Rapid Vienna where he began his career.

Now back with Rapid Vienna where he began his career. Kranki is happy again...and ence more scoring the goals that made him se ismous.

The last, powerful centre-forward who shot 41 goals to become the European Golden Boot winner as top scorer on the Centinent in 1978 is re-emerging as the ferce he ence.

Dangerous

And even though he is not expected to be quite the same goal-scoring revelation he was in Argentina, Kranki's famous left foot is sure to be the most dangerous weapon in the Austrian forward line this summer.

Now 29 and with 60 full international caps to his credit, he is looking to the '82 finals as his last change to make a necessary international impression.

Now 23 and with 60 full international caps to his credit, he is looking to the '82 finals as his lest chance to make a permanent international impression.

And he says: "While we have much the same team we had in 1978, we have more experience now.

"For my own part, I am much more settled and I think we have a fine chance of going through to the Second Reund again and deing well."

It was in Argentina that Krankl hit the werld seccer headlines. He hit the opening, winning goal in the 2-1 win over Spain and the only goal in the 1-8 win over Sweden to put Austria through to the Second Round.

And although the Austrians lost to Brazil, they went on to meet Helland, Italy and West Germany.

They crashed to a 5-1 defeat at the hands of Holland, lost 1-0 to Italy, but rallied famously to beat West Germany 3-2. It was the first time Austria had beaten West Germany in mere than 48 years and Krankl scered two thunderous goals. Says Krankl, who scored three of Austria's 16 goals in qualifying: "I know I am still an international striker and I hope my knowledge of Spain will give us a big advantage when the time comes,"

TOTTENHAM are certainties to beat Queen's Park Rangers in Saturday's FA Cup Final.

It's the only possible outcome. Holders Spurs are from the top flight while their London neighbours are a mere Second Division side!

But I know from bitter personal experience that there's no such thing as a certainty in football.

liust have to cast my mind back to May 1976 when Manchester United were the red-hot favourites to hammer Second Division Southampton at Wembley. It just didn't work out that

way. We were beaten 1-0 as 'The Saints' pulled off one of the most sensational victories in FA Cup Final history. The same could happen to Spurs.

On the day, anything can happen. Experienced professionals have been known to freeze, while those not used to the big occasion have taken the game by the scruff of the neck and ended up as heroes.

I don't know that much about QPR so I'm not in a very good position to judge their prospects. But I do know a lot about Tottenham and I know it will take an exceptional side to beat them

At one stage this season, Spurs were chasing four different trophies and if it hadn't been for the awful winter, I wouldnt have bet against them winning the quartet of prizes.

The FA Cup is the only thing left for them to win and they'll be doubly determined to end the season with the country's most glamorous prize back in their display cabinet.

Experience could tell on the day. As previous winners, Spurs players know what to expect. They've had the glamour and publicity before. QPR haven't been tested at the highest level

One man the QPR players will be looking to on Cup Final day is former England international Tony Currie. There's an awful lot resting on his shoulders.

He's the sort of player who could win it for Rangers. But while he's capable of dominating the game he could also just drift

in and out of it

I'm sure that Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw will brief his players to keep a careful eye on

In my view, Terry Venables is one of the best managers in the country, so I know that a team in his charge will be strong and well organised.

Having said all that, I still must go for Steve Perryman to lift up the trophy at Wembley again.

Talking of Steve, I must say how delighted I was to hear that the Spurs captain had been voted 'Footballer of the Year' by the Professional Football Writers Association.

He's a player that everyone

respects --- a fabulous leader, a loyal servant to Spurs and a great advert for the game. To add to that honour, Steve

> to the World Cup Finals. Steve has been on the fringe of international selection for some time and it's great to see him in

was also selected by England manager Ron Greenwood in his

squad of 40 for the run-up games

the squad.

Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham recently announced his World Cup 40 and shocked many people by including Manchester United reserve striker Norman

At the time of writing, Norman hadn't played a full first team game for United, but there's no doubt that he's got the skill and talent to succeed at the highest level.

Any young player who comes to United from Northern Ireland is immediately hailed as 'the second George Best'.

The same has happened to 17-year-old Norman and yet nothing could be further from the truth. He's a big bustling centre forward who can score goals.

His progress this season has certainly surprised me, especially as he spent the first six months of the campaign struggling against a troublesome cartilage injury.

As well as Norman, we've seen a couple of other youngsters come into the team towards the end of the season. Scottish striker Scott

McGarvey has been filling in for the injured Garry Birtles, while Alan Davies has had a chance to show off his midfield skills.

It's great news for United to have good youngsters coming through the ranks, It's the first time for a couple of years that we've reaped the results of our youth policy.

And there look to be more on the way. United recently finished runners-up to Watford in the FA Youth Cup Final.

 Steve Coppell was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Belgians have got a nerve

BELGIAN side Anderlecht have got a nervel

After being well beaten by Aston Villa in the European Cup Semi-Final, they ask UEFA for another chance after the crowd trouble in the second leg at Parc

If they can't manage to score a goal against Villa in 180 minutes of football, they don't deserve a place in the European Cup Final.

Blame

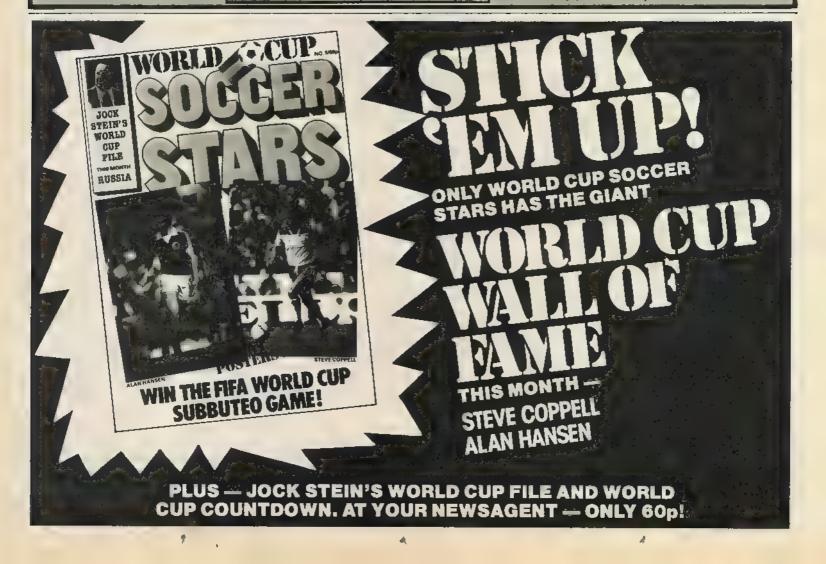
And Anderlecht must take some of the blame for the crowd disturbance for not properly

orsturbance for not properly
segregating the fans.
Thankfully, UEFA saw sense
and allowed the result to stand.
It would have been a travesty if
Anderlecht, instead of Villa, were
playing Bayern Munich in the
Final in Potterdam next week Final in Rotterdam next week. Richard Page (14), Grays, Essex.



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Graeme Sharp (Everton), Ian Rush (Liverpool), John Barnes
(Watford), Paul Devis (Arsenal),
Martin McPhillips, North Wembley, Middlesex.



ENGLAND are being written off as World Cup no-hopers even before a ball has been kicked in Spain.

People like Wales manager Mike England are really having a go at us and saying we won't get past the First Round and that's really unfair. Give us a chance.

Everyone knows that it's going to be difficult out there and that England will have to improve

on recent performances to achieve any success.

But, at the moment, the main thing is that we are there and winning matches. Give the players encouragement instead of discouraging them.

lan Humphreys, Cheetham, Manchester.



WALES manager Mike England showed just what a bad loser he is following the Home International match against England.

Brazil is brilliant

IF manager Jock Stein's dream of winning the World Cup with Scotland is to come true, then he must get his strike force right.

John Robertson, Andy Gray, Joe Jordan, Steve Archibald and Kenny Dalglish are the usual contenders for the main striking roles, but Jock should not underestimate the skill and shooting power of Ipswich Town's Alan Brazil. He has developed into a world class striker with the East Anglian

Les Taylor, Mexborough, South Yorkshire.

Sorry, Spurs

Spurs after trophies four, Oh, what a bore!

Played Liverpool at Wembley, Then it was three

Spurs after trophies three . definitely!

United won, Sunderland drew, That makes it two.

Spurs after trophies two, The double they will do.

Then Barcelona come, And now it's just one.

And if QPR can make a kill, Spurs will be left with . . . NIL

Julian Davison, Ellesmere Port, South

Before the match at Ninian Park, he made a lot of comments about how good his side were. It was great to see England (the team!) stuff those words down his throat.

He had the cheek to say England weren't good enough for the World Cup Finals and would struggle. I think that's just sour grapes because his team never qualified. Before making such

comments, he ought to put his own house in order. The Cardiff pitch wasn't fit for an international match.

Wales should find a stadium and pitch that is up to international standard.

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I'M outraged with England boss Ron Greenwood. He's getting too touchy for words. Ron got upset when Mike England criticised England's performance against Wales in the British Championship, but Mike was only speaking the

As an ambassador for this country, Ron should

learn to keep his cool.

G. H. Dawe, Coylton, Ayr, Scotland.

• WHEN the manager of the only British side NOT to be going to Spain blests a visiting team for winning in Weles, it does sound remarkably like sour grapes. You're sent off.

I'M outraged that Paul Stratton still has the job of predicting accretines in his 'Stratton on Baturday' column. He doesn't know what he's talking about. The other day, he was beaten by a GIRL! It's time Paul hung up his

pan!
Ashley Vaughan, Lincoin:
THAT's fighting talk. Send in
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challenge next season. By the
way, you're booked.

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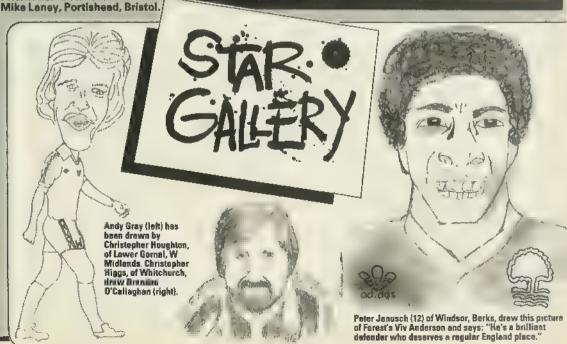
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I AM outraged that Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw refused to release Paul Price di Walee for the international against England in Cardiff, but then released Ray Clemence and Glenn Hoddle for England How can this be fair?

Martin Davies, Transurfs, Cardiff.

BURKINSHAW must be kicking himself for releasing amy of his players. Hoddle's injury in the international cost Spurs the use of their best player for the Championship run-in. You're booked.



I'M 14 and I'd like a girl pen pal of my own age who lives in the Southampton area and supports 'super Saints'. Lisa Savage, 27 Birbeck Road, Caldicot, Newport, Gwent, NP6 4DX.

I'd like a male pen pal of my own age who lives in Liverpool and supports the League

Deborah Iveson (17), 6 Oast Way, Hartley, Kent. DA3 8BU.

I'M a 17-year-old West Ham supporter, but I'd like a female pen pal of my own age who follows either Spurs or Chelsea. Howard Robinson, 54 Hubert Road, Rainham, Essex, RM1 8AH.

MUSIC and following Arsenal are my interests. I'd like a pen pal of my own age who supports 'The Gunners'. Kelly Ward (16), 6 Hind Close, Chigwell, Essex, 1G7 4EA.

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SATURDAY'S FA Cup Final gives Spurs their last chance to salvage. something from an unbelievable season.

And I'll feel desperately sorry for them if Steve Perrymen is not the captain who goes up those Wembley steps first to

collect the trophy.

As a Northerner, I have no loyalties to sither side and when I sit back with my feet up to watch the game on TV, my first wish will be for a good exciting match.

I have reasons for wanting QPR to win the Cup as well and I will be impartial on the day But I can't help feeling that Spurs have fallen into a trep that is unique to English

football.

football.
They have paid for their success with failure. Spurs have got a magic squad together. Man for man, they are currently better than Liverpool—and that's the highest compliment I can pay any team. I was a member of the Liverpool side that came closest to the treble in 1877 winning the Langus and European Cup but losing the FA Cup Final to Muncheste:

Cup Final to Munchester

Sours march that '77 side in a

Clive Allen — aiming to impress against a First Division side.

THE England and Southampton skipper analyses Saturday's FA Cup Final at Wembley . . **EXCLUSIVE!**

lot of ways, but there is still no way they could do themselves justice this season.

They started the season well and found themselves going for four competitions. Then they ran into the fixture congestion that is inevitable in this country for a successful side.

Their concentration desected

Their concentration deserted mem. It's impossible to motivate yourself for three games a week, however much

games a week, however much you want to.

And then there's the physical side. Injuries mount up and tear the team spart. You wouldn't sak a racehorse to do what English players are asked to do The same thing happened to pswich lest season. After looking good for four trophies, they had to be satisfied with the UEFA Cup. Spurs could do even worse—they could miss out altogether.

It's totally unfair. To cope with 42 League games, long FA and League Cup runs plus involvement in Europe is not kumanty possible and it's high time that someone took a long hard look at the fixture

time that someone took a long hard look at the fixture altuation in this country. It may sound a terrible thing to say but if I was managing a side with the potential to win things, I would dip out of one competition to give my side a better run at the other three. Getting knocked out of the Langue Cup, for instance, wouldn't matter if it gave you a better chance in the others. If you could plan a season in that way you could set your broots at the start and than put a few youngsters out in put

put a few youngsters out in put competition you were least interested in, though the League wouldn't allow that of

I'm sure that one of the reasons Aston Villa reached the Final of the European Cup was because they were not involved in other competitions. They knew exactly what they were aiming for, what they had to do and whan key players needed

to be fit. It makes all the difference.

Now there's only the FA Cup left for Spure and after the work they've put into this season, they'll be desperate to

win.

If they pull it off I'll be pleased for my England team mate Glenn Hoddle more than anyone. He's so important to the team and his attractive

the team and his attractive style has got to be good for the game. If he gets into the groove on Saturday, he'll be the outstanding player on show. I'm also delighted for Steve Porryman, who has been named Player of the Year by the Football Writers Association. Although I don't often see eye to eye with journalists I have to agree with them on that one.

Stave is the type of player who should get this sort of award ... a one-club man who has never flinched a battle but who has never done enything that would bring the game into disrepute.

Steve started his career as if he would win a hundred caps. It wasn't to be but, though he may lack the flair of players like Glenn he has set the perfect example for any youngster, proving that if you stick at it you will get the

That is the great thing about tootball. We reward all types of

players.
Although they play at a higher level, there's little danger of Steve and his side taking their Second Division opponents too lightly. They won't need reminding that the last four Second Division sides. to reach the FA Cup Final have mil won it!

Spurs may have the advantage of having been to Wembley more often and more recently, but character counts a lot in finals too. QPR have bags of that and proved it in their gritty Semi-Final win over West Brom.

They also have sbility. With Tony Currie around Glenn could be pushed to receive that: man of the match accolade.

Currie should have played at Wembley for more often than he has in his career and he'll be: out to unjoy it.

There are other players who'll be out to prove a point. Clive Allen didn't kick a ball for Arsenal after moving for a million pounds and didn't stay at Crystal Palace long before returning to Rangers. So he'll be aiming to impress against a First Division aide.

Glenn Roeder has been tipped as a future England prospect and he won't get a better platform to show what he's made of.

Up front, Simon Stainrod has

Up front. Simon Stainrod has continued the scoring habit that he started at Oldham and he'll be bursting to hit those Wembley nets.

Wembley will also give QPR the chance to silence those critics who say they can't play away from their artificial Omnituri pitch.

Personally, I believe that the worst thing to happen in my career is for an artificial surface to be introduced to English football.

English football.

Other countries have done it because their climates have made it necessary, but to me English feotball is all about



Kevin Keegan — so sad if Spurs skipper Stave Perryman's not the one lifting the Cup aloft on Saturday.

alide tackles, about grass and mud and snow and ice. Our traditional surface is part of

our game.
On Omniturf, you don't see
players committing themselves
so often. Slide tackles burn, se
people don't do it and therefore
you reduce the occasions that you reduce the occasions that players go past other players. You also get a terrific bounce from high kicks. The face of the game is changed.

Having said that, OPR have proved they can get results away from home and only recently notched up a 4-0 win at Newcastle.

They've not found goals hard to come by — their 7-1 home

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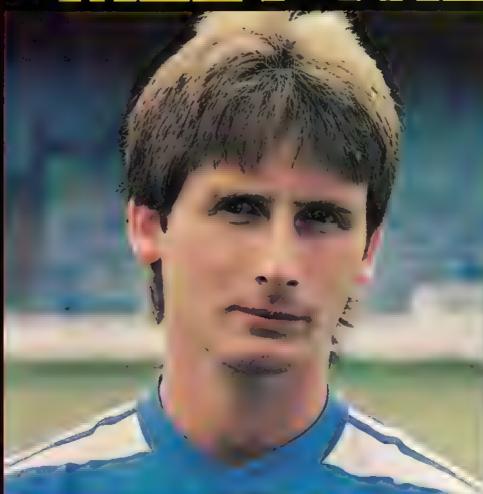
defeat of Bolton stands out in the memory — and with Spurs well known for their attacking style i have got to fancy several goals in the Final.

I hope so because when I settle into my armchair on Saturday I will be hoping not for any particular result but for an entertaining game.

Mevin Reagan was talking

to Melvyn Bagnoll.





FULL NAME: Glass Roeder.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Weodford, December 13, 1956.
HEIGHT-WEIGHT: 6 ft. 1 in./12 st. 12 lips.
MARRIED: No, but will be shortly to Fay. US CLUBS: Orient. IICKNAME: Dickie, RITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Glenn — he has the ability to do everything that's exciting ITE OTHER TEAM: West Ham. ITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Brazil's Zico he has all the skills that make people travel a long. rte watch foetball. IT ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilten, McGrain, O'Leary, are, Cooper, Heddle, Bremner, Brady, Best, Greaves,

Moore, Codper, Heddle, Brenner, Brasy, Dest, Greaves, Dulglith.
BLUTIME IN TERMATIONAL U. St. 22 o English.
Germany), Beckenbauer IW. Germany), Moore (England),
Junior (Brazil), Hoddle (England), Neeskens (Holland), Brady;
Greyt (Helland), Zice, Pele (Brazil),
FAYOURITE AWAY GROUND: Upton Park,
FAYOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE
PLAYED: There isn't one.
BEST GOAL SCORED: A volley against Nerwich at Carrew
Road (his season.

id this season. ST GDAL SEEN SCORED: An everhead kick from 12 yards y Simen Stainned against Cordiff at Lofes Read this season.
IOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: it's a secret, but Luton's Briantein is always a handful.
IOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The FA Cup Semi-Final win a ver West Brom.
WW MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Wearing an England
It's tein.

ST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated from the First

YOUNITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, galf, greyhound racing a snooker. CELLANEOUS LIKES: Winning, enting out and seeing my; j

ally happy. SCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing, bad manners and being: mis-queted in the papers. FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: 'Match of the Day' and 'The Big Match'.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Johnny Carson Show, FAVOURITE POP STARS: George Bonson and Christopher

Cress.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips;
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager shandy.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Ireland.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Michael York, Michael Ceine. and Susan George.
BEST FRFIEND: John Brunskill.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My lather.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Are you kidding?
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Seven appearances for England.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To give my family the happiness and

security they need.

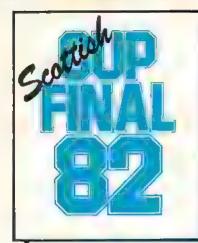
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the FA Cup and return to the First Division with OPA as soon as possible.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I want to be a manager:
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE OPIN's lan Dawns.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Steve Davis.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Go and watch as many top players as you can and learn from them.





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ABERDEEN (2) 4 (McGhee 20, Simpson 35, Strechan pen 60, pen 64) KILMARNOCK (2) 2 (McGivern 1, Gallagher 36) Att: 9,000 Aberdeen: Leighton 7, *KENNEDY 8, Hamilton 6, McMaster 6, McLeish 7, Miller 6, Strachan 6, Cooper 7, McGhee 7, Simpson 7, Hewitt 6.

Semi-Final ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Strachan pen 67) ST MIRREN (0) 1 (MacDougall 61) Att: 16,782 (at Celtic Park)

Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Miller 6, McLeish 7, Rougvie 6 (sub Bell), Cooper 6, McMaster 7, *STRACHAN 8, Simpson 7, Hewitt 6 (sub Jarvie), McGhee 6.

Semi-Final Replay ABERDEEN (2) 3 (McGhee 5, Simpson 36, Weir 75) ST MIRREN (1) 2 (McAvennie 18, Att: 15,633 (at Dens Park)
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Rougvie 6,
McMaster 7, Cooper 6, McLeish 7, Miller
6, *STRACHAN 8, Simpson 6, McGhee
7, Hewitt 6, Weir 7

RANGERS

Third Round RANGERS (3) 6 (Johnstone, MacConald, Russell, McAdam, McPherson pen, Redford) ALBION (0) 2 (Houston 2) Att: 9.200

Fourth Rond RANGERS (0) 4 (Jardine 59, 88, McAdam 67, Johnstone 74) DUMBARTON (0) 0 Att 15,000

Fifth Round RANGERS (0) 2 (Johnstone 59, McAdam DUNDEE (0) 0 Att: 16,500 Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 7, McAdam 6, *JACKSON 8, Bett 7, Russell 6, Muler 5 (sub Redford 7), Johnstone 6, MacDonald 7, Cooper 6



Scotland international Gordon Strachan is Aberdeen's leading scorer on the road to Hampden with three penalties.

Semi-Final RANGERS (0) 0 FORFAR (0) 0 Att: 15,878 (at Hampden Park) Rangers: Stewart 7, Dawson 7, Black 6, Jardina 7, McClelland 7, Bett 7, Dalziel 6 (sub. Davies 6), Russell 7, McAdam 6 (sub. Robertson), *REDFORD 8, MacDonald 7. (Played at Hampden Park)

Semi-Final Replay RANGERS (2) 3 (Johnstone 10, Bett 30, RANGERS (2) 3 (Johnstone 10, Bett 30, Cooper 52)
FÖRFAR (1) 1 (Brash pen 43)
Att: 11,864 (at Hampden Park)
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Monday, May 10 **Division One**

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Brooking 62, Goddard 86). TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Hoddle, pen 10, Brooke

West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6, La Ronde 6.
Allen 7, Orr 6, *DEVONSHIRE 8, Cowie 6
(sub Barnes). Goddard 7. Cross 6. Brooking

(Sub Birnes) Goodald 7 Cross 5 Birnes) 7 Pike 7
Spurs. Parks 6, Corbett 6 (sub O'Re Ity 7).
Miller 6, Prica 7, Lacy 7 Perryman 7, Hazard 7 ★BROOKE 8, Falco 6 Hoddle 7, Crooks 6
Referee: A Seville (B mingham)
Match Rating 本本本

Tuesday, May 11 **Division One**

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Sunderland 48) LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Rush 32) Att 30 9 52
Arsenel Wood 7 Hollins 6 Sansom 7 Telbot
6, 0 Leary 7 *WHYTE 8. Nicholas 6
Sunderland 7 Hawley 6 (sub Meade) Sunderland 7 Hawley 6 (sub Meade)
Robson 6, Rix 7
Liverpool, Grobbelsar 7 Neal 6 Lawrenson
7 Kennedy 7, Whelan 7, Thompson 7
Dalg ish 7, Lee 6 (sub Johnston), Rush 7
Hansen 7 **SOUNESS 8
Referee: D A. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating ****

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0 MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (MacDonald 61) Ait 6.713 Notts County: Avramovic 6 Benjamin 6

O Brien 5, Goodwin 5, Kilchine 6 *RICHARDS 7, Chiedozie 6, Hunt 5 McCulloch 6, Harkouk 5 (sub. Christie 5), Mair

Middlesbraugh Platt 6, Bailey 6, Bolton 6 McAndrew 6, Baxter 6, Wood 6, Thompson 6, Otto 6, *HODGSON 7, MacDonald 6 Referee: D Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating *

Division Two

CRYSTAL PALACE (2) 2 (Williams 31 44) WREXHAM (0) 1 (Bater pen 73) Att 7 272

An 7272 Crystal Palace Barron 7 Seson 6 Lovelt 7 Murphy 6 Cannon 6, Gilbert (sub-Galliers 6) #GILES 8 Smille 7 Wilkins 7 Mabbutt 7

Wrexham Niedzwiecki 7 Jones 7 Bater 5, Dav s 7, Dowmen 6, Ronson 7 ★LEMAN 8 Hill 6 (sub_V)nter 6), Edwards 6 Fox 7

Referee D Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating ***
Sending Off Edwards (Wrexham)

LUTON (1) 3 (H.H.36 White 48, Moss. pen

QPR (0) 2 (Fenwick 69 Steinrod 85) QPR (012) Femilia (05)
Att 16 56 7
Luton Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 7
*HORTON 9 Goodyear 7, Doneghy 7, Hill 8
Stein 7 White 7, Anio 7 Mose 8
QPR Hucker 8 Neill 7 Dawes 8
*WADDOCK 9, Wicks 7 Roeder 6

Micklewhite 8, Flanagan 8, Alfan 6, Stainrod 7, Fenwick 7

Referee: K. Baker (Bugby) Match Ruting. ***
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WIMBLEOON (1) 3 (Evans 36 Joseph 71

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Coughlin 64)

Wimbledon: Beasant 7 Leslie 7 Gage 6. Sm th 7, Morr s 6 Downes 7 Thomas 6. *JOSEPH 8, Hodges 8 Evans 7, Ketteridge

Carliste: Swinburne 6. Parker 6. Rushbury 6. *HOUGHTON 7, Ashurst 6. Craig 6, Ritchie 5. Cought in 6, Robson 6. Lee 5 (sub Stanforth 5). Bannon 5. Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)

Match Rating. ***

NEWPORT (2) 3 (Tynan 28, pan 76. Elsey 39) SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Pennyfather 10. Phillips

Newport Kendall 7, Lees 7 Relish 6, Davies 5 Dakes 6, Johnson 6, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 7 ★TYNAN 8, Aldridge 8, Elsey 7

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Southend: Keeley B Steed 6, Dudley 6
Pountney 6 Hadley 6, Cusack 7 Mercer
*PHILLIPS 8, Spence 7 (sub Nelson)
Pennyfether 7 Otulakowski 6
Referee M Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating ***

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Fulhem: Peyton 7 Strong 7 Lock 6 (sub Hopk ns 7), O Driscoll 6 *BROWN 8. Gale 7 Tempest 7 Wilson 7, Coney 6, O Sullivan

7 Tempest 7 Wilsolf 7, Conley 9, 0 Balling 6, Lewington 7 Gillingham Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 7 Bruce 7 Shaw 7 *SITTON 8 Powell 6 Tydeman 6, Weatherly 7, Cascarino 6

Burnley Stevenson 6, Laws 7 Wharton 6 Cassidy 6, Overson 7, Holt 7, Dobson 7

Preston: Hodge 6 Anderson 6, McAteer

Referee: C. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Reting: ****

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Penny 9)

OXFORD TOTAL
Att 4.754
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7 Jones 6
McCaffery 6, Williams, G 6, Parkin 7
*MABBUTT 8, Curls 6, Williams, D 7

Naughton 6. Westwell 6 WO'RIORDAN 8 Kelly 6 Doyle 6, Elliott 6, Bell 7 Isub

Steven 8. *HAMILTON 9, McGee 6, Young

Grewcock 6 Referee: A Glasson (Glastonbury)

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Hamilton 52 84) PRESTON (0) 0

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FULHAM (0) 0

GILLINGHAM (0) 0 Att 7 176

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Stephens 6 Penny 7, Williams, R.7 Oxford: *BURTON 8, Foog 7 Smithers 6
Train 7 Briggs 8, Shellon 6, Lawrence 7
Fotey 7 Hebberd 6, Brock 6 (sub Thomas 6) Jeffrey 6 Referes A Hamil (Wolverhampton) Match Rating: 本本東

Division Four

HULL IOLO BOURNEMOUTH (O) D Hull Davies 6, Swann 5 (sub Davis 7), Booth 6, Roberts, D.7, Roberts, G.6, Thompson 6 Marwood 7, Kynman 5, Whitehurst 5 **★MUTRIE 8** Richards 6 #MOTHER B RICHARDS 6
Bournemouth. Allen 6 Dawkins 6 Selley 6
Dawtry 6. Brignell 7 #THOMPSON 8,
Carter 6 Graham 7 Crawford 6 Goddard 5
isub Funnell 7), O'Connell 6
Referee. A Sounders (Newcastle)
Match Rating ***

HALIFAX (0) 0 Att 1 903
Halifax Smelt 7 Ward 6, *KENDALL B,
Evans 7 Goodman 6 Hendrie 7 Firth 6
Davison 7 Graham 6 Spooner 7, Carr 6
York Ashbury 7 Dawson 6 Kay 7, Hood 6
*CZUCZMAN 8, Aitken 6 Pollard 6 Byrne
7 Walwyn 6 Ford 7 Laverrek 7
Referee C Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rasing, **

Welsh Cup Final First Lea

CARDIFF (0) 0 SWANSEA (0) 0

Wednesday, May 12 **Division One**

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 2 (Davenport 39 Gray 57) TOTTENHAM (0) 0 Att 16 189
Nott'm Forest Shilton 8, Anderson 7
Bowyer 7, Gunn 6, Young 6, Gray 7 Proctor 6 Rober 7, Fashanu 8, *DAYENPORT'S, Robertson 7 Spurs. Clemence 7, Hughton 6, Price 6 Roberts 7, Lacy 7 Perryman 7 Brooke 6 Falco 6, *VILLA 8, Hoddle 8, Crooks 6 Referee R Bridges (Decside) Match Rating ***

WEST BROM (0) 0 MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 3 (Robson 34 Birtles 35 Coppell 78) Att 19.272 Att 19:272
West Brom Godden 6 Batson 4 Statham 7
Bannett 6 Wire 6 Cowdr II 6 Mackenzie 6
King 5 (sub Cross 6), Regis 7, Owen 6
**MONAGHAN 8

Amunaghan 8
Man Utd. Bailey 8 Gidman 8, Albiston 6
Wi kins 8 Moran 7, McQueen 6. *ROBSON 9, Birtles 7, Stapleton 6 Grimes 7, Coppell 6
Referee E Read (Bristol)
Match Rating ***

LEFDS (2) 3 (Worthington 18, pen 85 BIRMINGHAM (2) 3 (Harford 20, 33, Evans Att 18 583

Leeds, Lukuc 6, Hird 7, Gray, F.6, Flynn 6 (sub Thomas 7), Hart 7, Cherry 8, Gray, E.8 Graham 7, *WORTHINGTON 9, Connor 7

Birmingham Coton 7, Langan 7, Hawker 6, Stevenson 7, Van den Hauwe 7, Curbishley 8. Van Mierlo 6, Dillon 8, Harford 8. Broadhurst 7 *EVANS 9
Referee: N. Glover (Charley)

Match Rating ***

Division Two

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Welsh, pen 61) GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Whymark 24 40) An 13914
Leicester Wallington 6, Welsh 6, Friar 7
*PEAKE 8, May 6, O Neill 7 Me rose 6 Lineker 7 Young 6 Wilson 6 (sub. Lynex 6). MacDonald 6

MacLonald 6
Grimsby: *BATCH 8 Moore, D.7 Crosby 7
Waters 6, Cooper 6 Crombie 6, Stone 6
Kilmore 6, Whymark 7, Beacock 6 Ford 6
Referse, H. King (Merthy; Tydfil) Match Rating. ***

Division Three BRISTOL CITY (2) 4 (Newman 22, per 36

Chandler 56 65) MILLWALL (1) 1 (Dibble 44) Att 2 696 Bristol City Shaw 6, Williams 7, Stevens 7, Hay 6, Musker 7, Boy e 6, Nicholl 6, Bray 6 (sub Smith), *CHANDLER 8, Newman 7 Feonomou 6 Millwall Gleasure 6 Roberts 5, Rob nson 6 Allardyce 7 Kitchener 6 (sub Hayas 6). *CHATTERTON 8, Massey 7 Shinton 6 Horrix 6. Dibble 7. West 6. Referee: C. Newsome (Shropshire) Match Rating: ***

EXETER (0) 1 (Helph 55) HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 Att 2 988 Att 2 888
Exeter Bond 6, Rogers, M.6, Sparrow 7
Marker 6, Foster 7, Roberts 7, Pratt 6, Rogers
P.5 Kellow 7, Delve 7, **HATCH 8
Huddersfield, **COX 9, Brown 6, Burke 6
Stanton 7, Valentine 7, Hanvey 6 (sub-Hotte
6), Lillis 7, Kennedy 7, Robins 5, Wilson 5 Referee. A Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating ***

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SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (1) 2 (McLe sh 34 Rougvie 61) Aft 3 942 St Mirren: Thomson 7 Beckett 8. Walker 7 Fitzpetrick 6 Fulton 8, Copeland 6 McEachien 8, Stark 6 Bone 7 McAvennia 7 *RICHARDSON 8
Aberdeen Leighton 7 Kennedy 6, Rougy e 6, McMaster 7 McLeish 7 M lier 6 *STRACHAN 8, Cooper 6, McGhee 6 Simpson 7, Hewatt 7
Referee W Delaney (Dalkerth)
March Rating: 大大木

Friday, May 14 **Division Three**

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Mercer 44) BURNLEY (2) 4 (Wharton 32, McGee 39-83. Laws 88 Att 4 829 Southend: Keeley 6 Stead 5, Dudley 6, Pountney 6, Hadley 5, Cusack 5, MMFRCER 8, Philips 6 Spence 5, Pennylather 5 (sub Greaves bl. Melson 7
Burnlay, Stevenson 6 Laws 6, Wharton 6,
#CASSIDY 8, Overson 7 Hott 7, Dobson 8,
Steven 8, Hemilton 8, McGee 8, Young 7
Referee. J Barrett (Diss)
Match Rating *** Greaves 6), Nelson 7

Division Four HALIFAX (1) 2 (Davsion 12, Hendr e 63) HULL (1) 2 (Marwood 43 57) Att 2,293
Malfax Smelt 7, Kendell 6 (sub. Whiteley 6),
Carr 6, Evans 7, Goodman 7, Hendrie 7, Firth
6, *DAVISON 8, Graham 8, Spooner 7, Hulf: Davies 7, Davis 7, Booth 6, Roberts, D.7 Roberts, G.7 Thompson 6, *MARWOOD 8, Kynman 6, Whitehurst 6, Mulrie 7, Richards Roferee: M. Peck (Kendar)

Match Rating ***

Att: 1946
Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Sherlock 6,
Emmerson 6, Thorpe 7, Smith 7, Williams 7,
Phillips 8. *COYLE 9, Park 7, Power 6
Scunthorpe: Neenan 8, Grimes 7, Pointon 7
Boyd 8, Cowling 8, Thompson 7, Arins 6.
Telfer 7, *CAMMACK 9, Moss 6, Davy 6 e: D W Civil (Birmingham)

Saturday, May 15 **Division One**

ARSENAL (3) 4 (Davis 28, 75, Robson 33, SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Armstrong 46)

Arsenal. Wood 7, Hoilins 5, Sansom 7, Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Whyte 8, *DAVIS 8, Sunderland 7, Hawley 6, Robson 7, Rix 7 Southampton: Katalinic 8, Golec 6, Holmes 6. Baker G 7 Nicholl 7, Channon 7, Williams

Southampton: Katalinic 6. Golac 8, Holmes 6, Baker, G 7, Nicholl 7, Whitlock 6 (sub Cassella 7), Keagen 7, Channon 7 Williams 7, ★ARMSTRONG 8, Ball 8 Referee: A Grey (Norfolk) Match Rating ***

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Cowerts 42) EVERTON (1) 2 (Sharp 34, 59)

Att: 20.446 Aeton Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 6 Williams 6, Evens 6, McNeught 5, Mortimer 8, Bremner 5 Shaw 5, Withe 6, *COWANS 8, Heard 6. Everton, Southall 7, Borrows 6, Walsh 6, Higgins 8, Wright 7, McMahon 6, Irvine 6, Heath 6, *SHARP 8, Easton 6 Ross 6 Referen G Napthine (Leicester) Match Rating ***

COVENTRY (0) 0 BIRMINGHAM (Q) 1 (Harford 88)

Att 15,905 Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7, Roberts 6. Butterworth 6 (sub. Hormantschuk).

*DYSON 8, Jacobs 7, Whitton 6, Francis 7, English 8, Thompson 8, Singleton 7
Birmingham. Coton 8, Langan 8, Hawker 7, Stevenson 7, Van Den Hauwe 6, Curbish'ey 7 Van Mierlo 5, Dillon 7, *HARFORD 9, Phillipa 7, Evans 6 (aub. Handysides 6). Referes: C. Masketl (Cambridge)

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Brazil 67) NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 3 (Devemport

In 19,530 (pawich: Sivell 7, Burley 6, McCell 6, Mills 5 (sub Turner), *OSMAN 8, Butcher 6, Wark 5, Muhren 6, Manner 6, Brazil 6, O'Callaghan

Nott'm Forest. Shilton 7, Anderson 6. Bowyer 7, Gunn 8, Young 7, Gray 7, Rober 7, McGovern 8, Hodge 6 (sub. Proctor), *DAVENPORT 9, Robertson 7 Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet) Match Rating: ***

LEEOS (0) 2 (Hamson 80, Hird 81) BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Robinson 20)

Att 19,831 Leede: Lukic 7, Hird 7 *HAMSON 8. Thomas 6, Hart 6, Cherry 7, Gray, E 7, Graham 6, Worthington 6, Connor 7, Barnes

Brighton, Moseley 7, Shanks 6, Williams 7 Grealish 7 *FOSTER 8, Stevens 7, Case 6, Ritchie 6 (sub. McNab), Robinson 8, Gatting 6

Referee: A. Bridges (Deeside) Match Rating: ***

LIVERPOOL [0] 3 (Lawrenson 52, Delglish 55. Whelen 88) TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Hoddle 28)

Liverpool: Grobbelasr 7, Neal 6, Lawrenson 7 Kennedy 7, *WHELAN 9, Thompson 6. Dalglish 6. Lee 8. Rush 7, Hansen 7, Souness

Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 8 Roberts 6: **HAZARD 8, Perrymen 8 Brooke 6, Falco 6. Vilte 6. Hoddle 7, Crooks 8 (sub

Price 8} Referee: T Mills (Barnsley) Match Rating: 水水水水

MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 2 (Robson 43 Whiteside 44) STOKE (0) 0

Att 43.072

Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 6. Albiston 6
Wilkins 7 Moran 6. McQueen 7, *ROBSON 8, Birtles 5 (sub-McGarvey 5), Whiteside 6

6. Coppell 7

*FOX 8, Dodd 6. Parkin 5. Griffiths 5 (sub. Chapman), Watson 6, Smith 6, McIlroy 7, Biley 5, O'Callaghan 5, Bracawell 6 Maguira 7

Referee: B Martin (Keyworth) Match Butmo # * *

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Chiedazie 69) WEST BROM (1) 2 (Meckenzie 6, Regis 76)

Notts County: Avremovic 7, Benjamin 7 Lahtinen 8, Goodwin 6, Kilcline 6, Richards 6, Chiedozie 8, Hunt 8, McCulloch 7, Christie 5

(sub McParland 5), *MAIR 8 West Brom: Godden 7, Batson 6, Statham 7, Bennett 4, Wite 5, Webb 6, Mackenzie 7 Cowdrill 6, ★REGIS 8, Owen 5, Monaghan

Referes: J. Deakin (Bedford) Match Rating: **
Sending Off. Owen (West Brom)

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Buckley 14) MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 Att 26.167

Hindmarch 8, Chisholm 8, Elliott 8, Buckley 8, West 6, Rowell 7, Pickering 7,

Man Chy: *CORRIGAN 9, Ryan 8, McDonald 8, Bond 7, Power 8, Caton 7 Kinsay 5 (sub Wilson), Reeves 6, Boyer 6, Hartford 7, Jackson 6 Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham) Match Rating: ***

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Latchford 77) MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Otto 84: Stanley

Swansee: Davies 6. Marustik 7. Hadziabdic 6, Thompson 7, Kennedy 7, Rejkovic 7 #WALSH 8 (sub Stanley), James, R 6. James, L 6 Stevenson 6 Latchford 6

Middlesbrough APLATT 8, Craggs 7, Bailey 6 Ashcroft 6, Baxter 6, Bolton 7, Thomson 6, Otto 7, Hodgson 7, MacDonald 6, Thomas 6 (sub Currie 6). Referee: D Letts (Basingstoke)

Match Rating: ***

WOLVES [2] 2 (Eves 3, Richards 6) WEST HAM (1) 1 (Cross 15) Aπ 13.283

Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Humphrey 6, Atkinson 5. Eves 6 Gallagher 6, Coy 7, Hibbit 6, *CARR 8, Matthews 6. Richards 6, Clarke 6. West Ham: Parkes 7 Stewart 6, Le Ronde 5, Atlen 6, Orr 6, Davonshire 7 Cowie Goddard 6, Cross 5 (sub Barnes 5), *BROOKING 8, Pike 6 Referee: G. P. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ***

Division Two

8LACKBURN (0) 1 (Garner 68) CHELSEA (0) 1 (Pates 57) Att. 6,193 Blackburn Salmon 5, Branagan 5, Rathbone 4, Hamilton 4, Keeley 5, Fazackerley 6 Miller 4, *BURKE 7, Bell 6 Garner 6 Murphy 5 Chelses, Francis 6, Locke 5, Hutchings Pates 5, Broy 6, Chivers 5, *CANOVILLE 7, Walker 6 (sub Nutton 4), Lee 5 Mayes 6,

Referee; J. Lovett (Crewe) Match Rating: ** CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Murphy, pen 50)

NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Mills, per 86 Warldle

Crystal Palace: Fry 6, Lovell 6. Baxter 6, *MURPHY 7, Cannon 6, Nebbeling 5, Giles 5. Smil ie 5. Wilkins 5. Mabbutt 6, Hila re 6. Newcastle: Carr 6 Haddock 5, Saundars 5, Trewick 6 (sub. Wharton), Barton 5, Halliday 6, Mills 6, Martin 6, Veradi 5, Cartwright 6, *WADDLE 7

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Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal) Match Rating: 本本



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DERBY (1) 3 (Buckley 40, Wilson 58, Hector

WATFORD (0) 2 (Blissett, cen 50, Bolton 54)

WATFORD (d) 2 (Blissett, pen bl., Botton 5-Att 14 946 Derby: Benovic 6, Barton 6, *BUCKLEY 8, Attley 7, Skivington 6, McAlle 6, Hector 6, Wilson 7, Hill 6, Swindlehurst 6, Emson 6. Watford, Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Rostron 6 wattord, Snervock & Neco, hostron o Taylor 6: Terry 5 *BOLTON 8; Cellaghan 6; B issett 7, Armstrong 6: Lohmen 6 (sub Johnson 5); Barnes 6 Referee, G Tyson (Sunderland) Match Rating: ****

GRIMSBY (0) 0

GRIMSBY (0) 0
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Micallel 85)
Att 8,148
Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D.5. Crosby 5,
Waters 6, Moore K.5, *CROMBLE 7, Ford 6,
Ki more 6 Whymark 5 Beacock 5 (sub
Drinkell 5), Cumming 6 Dr rikell 5), Cumming 6
Cardiff: Hes ay 6, Jones 6, Henderson 6
Pontin 5, Micallel 7: Mullen 6, Grapes 6,
Gibert 6, Bennett, G 5, Stevens 5,
**EENNETT, D 8
Referee D Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating ***

LEICESTER (0) 0 SHREWSBURY (0) 0

Att 11,368
Leicester Wallington 8, Welsh 5, Frier 5.
*PEAKE 9, May 5, O Neil 6, Mercose 6 (sub.
Lynek 6, Lineker 6, Young 6, Wilson 7
MacDonald 5

MacDonald B Shrewabury: ★WARDLE 9, MacLaren 5, Johnson 5, Turner 6, Griffin 8, Keay 8, Tong 6, McNally 8, Alkins 7, Cross 7, Bates 6 Referee: F F Lewis [G1 Bookham] Match Rating: ★★★

LUTON (0) 1 (Stein 87) BARNSLEY (0) 1 (Birch, pen 50) Att 14 463

Att 15,365
Luton: Findley 7 Stephens 7 Money 7,
Horton 8, Goodyest 7, Donaghy 8, Hill 7,
★STEIN 9, White 6, Fuccillo 6 (sub. Antic 7),

Woss / Barnaley: Horn 7 Law 6, Chambers 7, Riley 8, Banks 8. *McCARTHY 9, Evans 7, Walker 7, Aylott 8. McHale 7, Birch 7 Referee; J. Martin (Hampshire) Match Rating: ***

ORIENT (0) 0 OLDHAM (1) 3 (Wylde, pen 20, Paimer 82. Bowden 89)

Orient: Day 6 Foster 6, Peach 6 #CORNWELL 8, Gray 8, Cunningham 7 Godfrey 8, Sussex 6 (sub. 8)eckhal: 6), Houchan 8, McNe I 7, Silkman 8 Oldham, *GORAM 8. Sincialr 6, Ryan 6 Keagan 7, Hoolick n 6, Futcher 7, Wylde 6, Palmer 7, Steel 6. Bowden 7, McDonough 6. Referee: A. Robinson (Hents) Match Rating: 本本本

QPR (1) 2 (Allen 25 Fenwick, pen 58) CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Fallon 38)

Att 10,467 QPR, Hucker 7 Fenwick 8 Gillard 6, Waddook 7 (sub Micklewhite 6), Hezeli 7, Roeder B, Currie 7, Flanagan B, *ALLEN S.

Research Comments of Program of Marray 6, Smith 7, Fallon 7, Streets 6 Donaldson 7, Spr. ggs. 6, Reilly 5, Enney 7 Certwright 6 Referee: A. Saville (8 mingham)

THE three lucky winners of the 'Spot the Difference' competition which appeared in the May 1 lesse of 'Match' each win a place at the Bobby Charlton Soccer School in Manchester plus a selection of Dunlop kit including a track suit, football, football boots and a holdall. They are I an Melnick of Clapton, London, Greham Reed of Thorplands Brook, Northampton, and Paul Ede of Uttoxeter, Staffs

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boots

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 2 (McCulloch 59, Bannister 89) NORWICH (0) 1 (Bertschin 86)

Att 24,687

Att 24,687
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7 Sterland 7, Williamson
7 Smith 8, Shirtliff, Peter 7, #TAYLOR 9,
Megson 8, Shefton 7, Bannister 7, McCurloch
7 Curran 6 (sub. Simmons),
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downs 6
McGuire 6, Wafford 7, Watson 7, Barham 6

| National of Watson / Saniti | Sub Jack), O'Nell 7, Deehan 7, | ★BERTSCHIN 8, Bennett 7 | Referee A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton) | Match Rating: ★★★

WREXHAM (1) 3 (Vinter 4, 46-62) ROTHERHAM (2) 2 (Stand file 11, Moore,

Wrexham Niedzwiecki 8 Jones 7 Bater 6 Ceg elski 6, Dowman 7, Ronson 8, Arkwright 6, Hill 5, Vinter 8, *FOX 9, Carrodus 7 Rotherham: Mining 7, Forrest 6, Breckin 8, Hughes 6: *STANCLIFFE 8, Green 6, Towner 6, Gow 7, Moore 6, Seasman 6, McEwan 7

Referee D. W. Lloyd (Worcester)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Roberts 39) READING (2) 2 (Kearney 15, Earles 36)

Brentford: McKellar & Rowe 6, Spencer 7 Brentons: Mickellar 5 Rowe 6, Spencer / Salman 7, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 7, Kamara 6. Harris 6, Booker 7, *BOWLES 8, Roberts 6 Reading: Fearon 7, Williams 6, Henderson 6, Webb 7 Hicks 7, *WOOD 8, Beavon 6, Kearney 7, Dixon 7 Faries 6, Lewis 6 Referee: A, Gunn (Burgess H III) Match Rating: **

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Chandler 40) CHESTER (0) 0

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Alt 3 934
Bristol City: Shaw 7 W Liems 8 (sub Smith 8). Hay 7, Musker 6, Boyle 7, Nicholls 7, Sray 7, Slevens 6, Chand et 7 Newman 6, *ECONOMOU 8

WECONOMOUS
Chester: *MILLINGTON 8, Dean 7, Flaynor 6, Zelem 6, Cottam 7, Ludlam 7, Allen 8, W Illiams 7 (sub. Blackwell 6), Simpson 6,

Jones 7, Henderson 7 Referee: T. Glesson (Sal-sbury) Match Rating: ★★★

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Stan.forth, pen 41) BRISTOL ROVERS (2) 2 (Hughes 12, 31)

Att 6,853
Carilsle: Sw nburne 7, Perker 6, Rushbury 5, Lerkin 7, #ASHURST 8, Craig 7, Ritchie 6 (sub Lee 7), Coughin 7, Robson 7, Bannon 6, Staniforth 7

Bristol Rovers: Thomas 6, McCaffery 6, Jones 7, Williams, G. 6, Parkin 7, Mabbutt 7 *CURLE B, Williams, D 8, Stephens 7, Hughes 7 Williams, B 7 Referee: T Fitzharris (Stockport) Match Rating: 本本本本

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Bonnyman 76) GILLINGHAM (2) 3 (Cascarino 15 Grewcock 21, Pollerd, og 77) Att 2,259 Chesterfield Turner 6, O'Neill 7, Parir dge 5,

Wilson 6. Pollard 5, Se lamy 5. Wa ker 5 (sub Henson 6), Henderson 6, Bonnymen 6, Kowalski 6, ★WNDRIDGF 8
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 7, Adams 6,
6*Jude 6, Shaw 7, 5 tton 6. ★POWFLL 8, Lee
6, Tydeman 6, Cascarino 7, Grewcock 7
Referee: 8 Robinson (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (2) 3 (Devies 7, 56, Coney B)

PRESTON (0) 0
Att 7 985
Fulham, Peyton 8, Hopkins 7, Strong 7 (sub Tempest 7), O'Driscoll 7, Brown 7, Gele 7, Devies 7 Wilson 6 ★CONEY 9, O'Sullivan

Devies 7 Wilson 5 *CONEY 9, O Schivan 7 Lewington 7 Preston Hodge 7, Anderson 6, McAteer 6 Naughton 5, Westwell 5, O'Riordan 5, *KELLY 8, Doyle 8, Elliott 6, Bell 7, Bruce 7 Referse; R Millord (Bristol) Match Rating: ***

LINCOLN (0) 2 (Shipley pen 75, Cocker ii 83) Att 5 447

Att 5 44/
Lincoln; Felgate 7, Carr 6 (sub G Ibert 6),
Neale 7, Cockerill 7, Peake 7, Thompson 7,
Shipley 7, *TURNER 8, 8el) 7,
Cunningham 7, Hibberd 7,
Exeter: *BOND 8, Rogers, M 6, Sparrow 6.

Gres 7, Foster 7, Roberts, P 7, Pratt 6, Rogers, P 6 (sub. Roberts, L 6), Kellow 6, Delve 6, Hatch 6

Referee J. M. Key (Rotherham) Match Rating: ***

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Lowndes 49) HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0

Newport: Kendall 7, Walden 7 Relish 6, Davies 7, Oakes 6, Johnson 6, Vaughan 7, *LOWNDES 8, Tynan 7, Aldridge 7, Elsey 7 Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 6, Burke 6. Stanton 7, Valentine 7, Purdie 6, Lillis 7, Kennady 6, *ROBINS 8, Wilson 8, Cowing

Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ***

OXFORD (0) 0 WIMBLEDON (D) 3 (Elliott 74, Joseph 83 Brown pen 90) Att 4,319

Oxford: Burton 6, Day e 7, Smithers 5, Train 6, Briggs 6, *SHOTTON 8, Lawrence 6 (sub Fogg 6), Foley 6. Hebberd 6, Brock 7 Thomas

Wimbledon: Beasent 7, Lesl e 6, Thomas 7, Brown 7 Morris 7, Downes 7, Ketteridge 8, ★JOSEPH 8, Hodges 8 (sub. Elnott 7), Evans

6, Gage 7 Referes M. J. Heath (Stoke) Match Rating: ★★★

PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Hodges 29, Cooper 42) MILLWALL (0) 1 (Horrix 68) Att 3,193

Att 3,193 Plymouth, Crudgington 6, #PHILLIPS 8, Uzze I 6, Harnson 7 Nisbet 8, Cooper 5, Hodges 6, Dennis 5 Sims 5, Randell 6,

Rogers 7
Millwall: *GLEASURE 8, Martin 5,
Rob nson 6, Chatterton 7, Kitchener 6
Roberts 6 Neal 5, Hayes 5 (sub Oxbbe 6). Horrix 7 Massey 8, West 5 Referee C Thomas (Porthoawi) Match Rating, ***

PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 (Hemmerman 6, 37,

SWINDON (D) 0

SWINDOR DIV Att 6,372 Portamouth Knight 6, McLaughlin 7, Sullivan 5, Doy e 6, A ziewood 7, Viney 6, *HEMMERMAN 9, Ellis 6, Senior 8, Berry

8 Rogers 7 Swindon: Allan 6, Henry 6, Baddeley 7 ★EMMANUEL 8, Lewis 7, Stroud 6 Williams 6 (sub. Pritchard 6), Carter 5, Rideout 5, Rowland 5, Grahem 8 Roferee: M Dimblebee (Stevenage) Match Rating: ★★★

WALSALL (0) 0 DONCASTER (O) O

ONCASTER (6) 0 Att 3 798 Walsall Green 7, Macken 7, Mower 6, Baines 7, #SERELLA 8, Hart 7, Rees 7, Caswell 7 (sub. Beech 6), Penn 7, O'Kelly 7, Waddington

Doncaster Humphries, S.7, Russell 7, Humphries, G.6 & LISTER 8, Cawthorne 6 Wigginton 7, Pugh 6, Liddell 7, Mel. 6, Snodin G.6, Little 7 Roferee: B Hill (Kettering) Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (0) 2 (Birley 72, French, pen

WIGAN (O) O Att 2,493 Aldershot: Johnson 7 Edwards 7, Scott 6
*BRILEY 9, Bennett 7, Jophing 7, Lucas 6.
Senford 6, French 6, McDonald 7 Brodie 8 Wigen Tunks 6, *McMAHON 8, Glenn 5, Cribley 7, Weston 6, Methyen 7, O'Keefa 5, Taylor 6 (sub. Quinn 6). Bradd 5, Houghton 5. Wignall 6 Referee: E Read (Bristo!) Match Reting: ★★★

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Stewart 46, 84) HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Linacre, P.6, Newton 641

Att 1 924 Blackpool Hesford 6, Simmonite 5, Pashley 5, Blair 5 (sub. Stewart 5), Greenall 6, Hart 6, Hocksday 6, Deary 6, *BAMBER 8, Noble 5,

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Hartispool: Watson 7, Sweeney (sub
Lewrence 7), Stimpson B, Hogan 7, Bird 6,
*BROWN 8, Linacre, J 7, Clarks 7, Newton
7, _ nacra, P 7, Staff 7
Referee: M R Baker (Wo verhampton)
Match Rating: **

BOURNEMOUTH (6) 1 (Funnell 82) HEREFORD (6) 1 (Showers 80) Att 9,925

6. Speckman 7, Brignull 6, #IMPEY 8, Carter 7, Williams 6, Crawford 8, Morgan 8, Funnell

Hereford: Brand 7, Price 7, Bart ev 6, Penc 6 Hicks 6, Musial 6 (sub McGre hs 6) *HARVEY B, Spiring 6, Phillips 7, Showers 6. White 7 Referee. M. Bodenham (Brighton)

Match Ratino: ★★★

BURY (1) 3 (Hilton P 25, Jakub 65, Madden

YORK (0) 1 (Bradley, og 74)

Att. 2,002 Bury: Platt 6, Bradley 8, #HILTON, P.B. Howard 6, Kennedy 7, Gora 6. Cruickshank 6 (sub. Cut er 6), Jakub 7, Madden 6, Hilton, M. 6 Butler 6

York: Astbury 6, Dawson 6, Czuczman 6, Artken 6, Kay 6 (sub, Crosby 6), Laverick 5, Hood 6, Poll and 7, Ford 5, Walwyn 7

★BYRNE 8
Referee P W It's (Mesdowheld)
Match Rating: ★★★

CRFWE (1) 1 (Scott 43) COLCHESTER (3) 3 (Bremner 1: Abinson 39. McDonough 41) Att: 1.226

Crawe Long by 5, Lewis 6, Heath 5 Salarhie 6 Scott 6 Pa ios 6. ★HASLEGRAVE 7. Keighley 5 (sub. Cook 6), Chesters 5 Entwist e 8, Williams 6

Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 8, Hunter 6, Al Inson 7, Wigna 16, Packer 8, Lyons 5, Bremner 7, *GROVES 8, McDonough 6, Adcock 7 (sub. Ward 7) Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)

Match Rating ** Sent Off Heath (Crewe)

DARLINGTON (0) 0 SHEFFIELD UNITED (2) 2 (Hatton 24, Darlington: *CUFF 8, Kamera 4, Liddle 5

Darlington: *CUFF 8, Kamers 4 Liddle 5
Smith 6, Skipper 7, Speedie 6. McFadden 8
McLeen 7 Hawker 5. Wicks 4. Walsh 5
Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Charles 7, Garner 6
Matthews 7, MacPhail 7, Keyworthy 8
Morr s 6, Trusson 7, *EDWARDS 8, Hatton

7 King 6 Referee D. Webb (Sale) Match Rating: ***

MANSFIELD (0) 0 BRADFORD (1) 2 (McN van 44, Jackson 82) Att 3 107

Mansheld: Arnold 5 McJannel 8, Mann 8. Woodhead 6, Burrows 5, *BIRD 8, Thomson 5, Ca dwel 6, Cannell 5, Nicholson 7

Bradford: Remsbottom 6, Fodd 8, Welson 5, Bradford: Remapoltom B, Podo B, Well
Chapman 5, 木COOKE 8, Jackson 8,
Gal sgher 7, Sten forth 5 Cempbel 5,
McN ven 6. Fil s 6
Rafares: J 8 Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: 木木木

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (S. eck 65) TRANMERE (2) 2 (Creven 17, 23)

Peterborough Freeman 5 Winters 6 Rayment 5, Gynn 6, Slack 7, Ph Lips 6, Clarke 5, ★KELLOCK 8, Cooke 5, Collins 6, Chard 5 taub Cl ssi

Tranmere: Endersby 7 Perry 6 Burgess 6, Hutchinson 7 Mungall 5, Williams 6, Powel 5. Mountfield 6, Kerr 8 *CRAVEN 8,

Ferguson 6 (sub. Brown). Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield) Match Ratino: ★★

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Bowles 1, Sproson 68) TORQUAY (0) 0 Att 2 007

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Bowies 7, Bromage 7, Armstrong 7, Hunter 7
Greenhoff 7, Bright 7, Moss 7,
*CHAMBERLAIN, M.8
*Torquey** *O*KEFFE 8, Smith 6, Musgrove 5 (sub. Keeley), Jones 6, Lawrence 7, Broch 6.
Brown 6, Cox 7, Cooper 6, Wheeldon 6
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Sermanni 7 Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe) Match Rating *1

ROCHDALE (2) 5 (Martinez 6, Wellings 37, Warriner 57, O'Loughlin 77, Goodwin 79) NORTHAMPTON (3) 3 (Hee ey 1, Massey pen 34, Sandy 43) Att 1.056

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Rochdate: Crawford 6, Warriner 7, Snookes Northampton: Poole 6, Warriner 7, Shooke 7, O'Loughlin 6, Taylor 6 (sub. Williams 7), Weir 7, Thompson 7, *HAMILTON 8, Goodwin 7, Wellings 6, Martinez 7 Northampton: Poole 6, Taylor 7, Bryant 6, Kruse 7, *GAGE 8, Heeley 7, Coffill 6, Belfont 6, Perrin 7, Sandy 6, Massey 7 Referen: B. Courtney (Spennymoor) Match Rating, 大大大

SCOTTISH **Premier Division**

ABERDEEN (4) 4 (Jackson, og 23, Hewitt 28, 39, 43) RANGERS (0) 0 Att: 18,000 Att 18,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 7, Simpson 6, McLeish 7, Miller 6, Strachan 6 (sub Watson), Cooper 7, McGhee 6, **HEWITT8, Weir 7 (sub. McMaster); Rangera: Stewart 6, Jardine 7 (sub. McLean 7), Dawson 8, McClelland 7, Jackson 7, Bett 6, MacDonald 7 Miller 6, Redford 6, Dalziel 7, **COOPER 8 ★COOPER 8
Referee; R. Valentine (Dundee)
Match Rating: ★★★

CELTIC (0) 3 (McCluskey 63, 76, McAdam 72) ST MIRREN (0) 0

Att. 39,369 Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Aitken 6, McAdem 7, MecLeod 6, McStay 7, Provan 7, Crame 6, Burns 7, *McCLUSKEY 8, St Mirren: Thomson 6, Beckett 7, Walker 6, Fitzpatrick 6, *FULTON 8, Copeland 7, Stark 6, Richardson 6 (sub. Sperres 6), McAvennie 7, MacDougall 6 (sub. Logan 6), Somner 7 Referee, E Pringle (Edinburgh) Match Rating. 大本分

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Ferguson 33) AIRDRIE (0) 0 Att 6,696 Dunder Blair 7, McKinnie 6 (sub. Kidd), Smith 7, Glennie 6, McClel and 7, *STEPHEN 8, Fraser 6, McGeachie 6, Raternal W., reast w., McGedaris v., Ferguson 7, Davidson 6, Sinclair 6. Airdrie: Martin 7, Carney 6, Anderson 7, March 8, Gordon 7, McKeown 8. McCefferty 6, Walker 7, Kerr 6 (sub Flood), *CLARK 8, Campbell 6 Referee: R Cuthill (Winchborough) Match Rating: 木木木

MORTON (0) 0 HIBERNIAN (0) 0 Att: 1,500 Morton: Beines 7, Hayes 6, *DUFFY 8, Houston 8, McLaughlin 7, Rooney 6, Docherty 7, McNeil 6, Cochrane 7, Hutchison 6, McNab 7 (ruh. 5) (page 8) 7 (sub. Slaven 6). Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 6, McLeren 7, Braxil 7, Paterson 6 (sub. Flavell 8). McNamara 7, Yurnbull 6, MacLeod 6, *CALLACHAN 8, Murray 6 (sub. Rodier 6).

Jamieson 7
Referae: A McGunnigia (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ***

PARTICK (1) 1 (Park 21)
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 2 (Sturrock 7 Really

Att. 3,000
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, Whittaker 7, Dunlop 6, Anderson 7, McDonald 6. *DOYLE 8, Jardine 8, Johnston 7 (aub Clark 6), Park 6, C'Hars 7 (sub. Ducherty). Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, *GOUGH 8, Malpas 6, Narey 7, Hegarty 8, Phillip 7, Bannon 7, Gibson 6, Milne 6, Sturrock 7, Dodds 6 (sub. Reitly 6). Referee: 8 Robertson (East Kilbride) Match Rating. *大大大大

First Division

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Millar 44, Coyne 58) AYR (0) 0 Att. 514

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Stewart 34) EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (McCeig 11) Art: 1,150

FALKIRK (0) 1 (Herd 70) QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (Gilmour 85) Att: 1,000

HAMILTON (1) 1 (McGowan, og 10) DUMBARTON (0) 0 Att 750

HEARTS (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Irvino 27) At: 14,709

KILMARNOCK (5) 6 (Gallagher 6, 8, Robertson, og 28, Armstrong 38, McDicken 44, Bourke 80) QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0

RAITH (0) 0 STJOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Brogen 5)

Second Division

ALBION (1) 2 (Newman 12, Houston 66) STENHOUSEMULE (0) 0

COWDENBEATH (0) 0 BRECHIN (1) 2 (Graham 11, Campbell 53)

FORFAR (0) 0 ALLOA (1) 1 (Smith 8) Att 1,247

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Thomson 11) CLYDE (2) 3 (Masterton 20, Reilly 44, Doherty 50) Att: 400

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Taylor 49) EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Scott 14, O'Brien 68)

STIRLING (0) 0 BERWICK (0) 0 Att 600

STRANRAER (0) 1 (Gibb 89) ARBROATH (2) 3 (Young 40, Lees 44, Steele 67) Att 350

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LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

	Rush (Liverpool)	17	11	28
	Brazil (Ipswich)	21	- 6	27
	Regis (West Brom)	16	8	24
	Harford (Birmingham)	20	3	23
	(14 with Bristol City)			
ı	Cassells (Southampton)	12	11	23
ı	(21 with Oxford)			
	Wark (Ipswich)	18	- 4	22
ı	Worthington (Leeds)	18	2	20
ı	(11 with Birmingham)		_	
ı	Cross (West Ham)	16	3	19
ı	Heteley (Coventry)	13	ă	18
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Division Two

Moore (Rotherham)	22	2	24
Stainrod (QPR)	17	7	24
Bernister (Sheff, Wed)	21	1	22
Blissett (Watford)	19	3	22
Allen (QPR)	12	8	20
Houchen (Orient)	19	1	20
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Division Three

Davies (Fulham)	24	1	25
Kellow (Exeter)	21		22
Phillips (Southend) (12 with Northempton)	20	2	22
Coney (Fulham)	13	6	19
Rafferty (Portsmouth)	17	1	19
Bruce (Preston)	18		19
Thomas (Oxford)	14	0	18
Sims (Plymouth)	18		18

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Colchester	48	12				23						72
Port Yale						17		-4	10	30	32	70
Hell	48	14	- 3	- 6	36	22						63
Bory	45	13	- 7	- 2	53	25	- 4	10	- 9	27	33	68
Hereford	44	10	- 3	- 4	35	25	- 6	18	- 7	79	23	87
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Crewe	44	3	8	14	19	32	3	1	17	10	52	27

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SCOTTISH **Premier Division**

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McAvennie (St Mirren)	13	4	17

First Division

Miller (Clydebank)	20	4	24	
Frye (Ayr)	13	8	21	
Cleland (Motherwell)	20	1	21	
McLaughlin (Motherwell)	18	2	20	
Bourke (Kilmarnock)	14	- 5	19	

Second Division

Forrest (Cowdenbeath)	18	8	24
Robb (Arbroath)	19	8	24
Masterton (Clyde)	22	1	23
Campbell (Brechin)	17	- 6	22
Lawson (Berwick)	16	5	21
Jobson (Meadowbank)	14	- 6	20

Injury shock for Rene

Rene Vandereycken could be a shock omission from the World Cup Finals.

Runners-up in the last European Championships held in Italy, Belgium are among the most fancied outsiders to lift the trophy in Spain.

But the loss of Vandereycken would seriously affect their

He was carried off the pitch with serious knee ligament problems following an Injury in Belgium's laboured 2-1 victory over Bulgaria.

They won through with a last gasp goal from veteran midfielder Wilfred Van Moerthe 37-year-old clinching the result after Miadenov had equalised an early goal from Belgium's star striker Erwin Vandenbergh.



Rene Vandereycken -Belgium's star defender may miss the Finals through injury.

FRENCH team boss Michel Hidalgo faces a dilemma as he prepares his side to face England in the vital opening game of the Finals.

Two of France's finest players, Michel Platini and Jean Francois Larios, who play side by side for Etienne, cannot hit if off at international level.

Apparently the problem has affected the players' confidence and this is believed to have been the main reason for France's 1-0 defeat at the hands

England manager Ron Greenwood watched that match and was "most impressed" with Peru.
Said the international team

only 3 weeks to go!

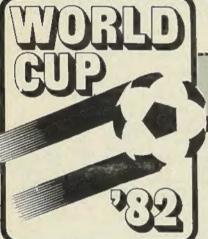
boss: "It was a really enjoyable match. Peru have some marvallous playars."

Most outstanding on the night was Julio Cesar Uribe whom experts say is Peru's answer to Pele, Zico and Maradona.

Even the French crowd were forced to applaud their skills.

While France were without Tresor and Lopez in defence, the result swept into fantasy any ideas that Peru were going to Spain just to enjoy the ride and the sunshine and the sunshine.

And their victory certainly adds fuel to the belief that England can get off to a winning start in Spain by beating France on June 16.



Rossi returns

PAOLO Rossi, Italy's finest striker in the '78 World Cup, is on his way back to his brilliant best after his suspension following the Totnero bribes and betting scandal.

He made his comeback in the Italian League when Juventus beat Udine 5-1 earler this month scoring one goal and setting up two others.

And experts say he played as if he'd never been away showing amazing form and fitness in his first game back.

Rossi himself says: "I feel as if I have been born again."

Hans in the mood

AUSTRIA could be a surprise packet in the Finals.

With Hans Krankl back in the mood and Walter Schachner in goalscoring form, they could romp through to the Second Round with West Germany.

Their 2-1 win over Czechoslovakia was a great result for them because it was their first victory over the Czechs in 19 years and it was a convincing one to boot.

Schachner scored both goals in the first half and it wasn't until the final minute that Jakubec pulled one back for Czechoslovakia

On a lighter note, Austrian goalkeeper has reportedly carried out a crazy training stunt.

Apparently he went along to a circus to practise saving penalties from a big brown bear!

But it didn't do him much good . . . while the bear's shots were powerful, they weren't exactly accurate.

Still the watching crowds loved the fun!

Play it . . . the Pele way

PELE has advised his young 'successor' Zico to kick back if he comes in for rough treatment during the World Cup Finals.

Says the former Brazilian ace: "You should never kick first, but

your adversary has got to know that the second will be yours.

"In my career I got hit plenty of times, but I also left a lot of players by the wayside.

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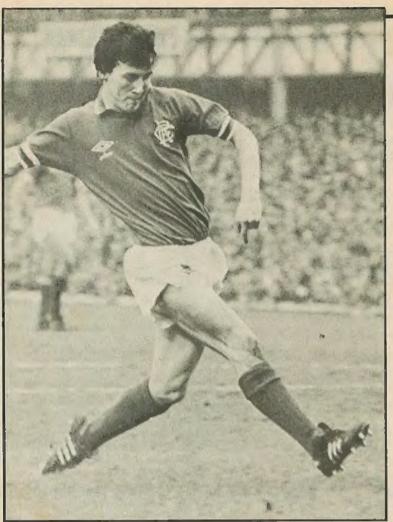
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Same again

JOHN MacDonald was Rangers' two-goal hero in last season's Scottish Cup Final win over Dundee United.

And yet the midfielder admits: "I felt terrible after I'd scored the second goal at Hampden Park.

"The nerves of the big occasion really got to me and i felt physically sick as my team-mates crowded in to congratulate me."

But the 21-year-old, who is the club's leading scorer this season, adds: "I wouldn't mind the same feeling on Saturday against Aberdeen!"

Substitute

John wasn't even first choice for the Final last season. He sat alongside Davie Cooper on the substitutes bench and only made a brief appearance in the dull 0-0 draw. But it was Davie and John —

recalled for the replay — who

Left: Rangers midfield star John MacDonald — he felt sick after scoring two goals in last season's Scottish Cup Final! SPOTLIGHT on the Scottish FA Cup Final and the battle for honours at Hampden Park. Reporter Anthony Hawkswell talks to two of the stars involved and Scottish internationals Danny McGrain and Alan Rough give their impartial verdicts.

scored three of the goals in the 4-1 win.

"I didn't expect to be picked for the first game but I was still determined to prove to the manager that he should have selected me.

"Scoring those two goals was the highlight of my career," adds John, who picked up a League Cup winner's medal with Rangers earlier this season after a 2-1 win over Dundee United.

But John knows that his team face a tough battle against Aberdeen in their bid to pick up another trophy this season.

"Aberdeen always give us a



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ABERDEEN can thank the Spanish sunshine for their place in Saturday's Scottish FA Cup Final at Hampden Park.

The Premier Division side had suffered a dismal run when manager Alex Ferguson took advantage of the winter freeze up to

whisk his players away to the sun. And their goalkeeper Jim Leighton believes that was the turning point of 'The Dons' season. He says: "Since then we haven't looked back.

"At the time we'd suffered a couple of bad results, which included defeat in the **UEFA Cup by Hamburg, and morale was** pretty low.

The manager flew us all out to Spain and we had a great time there. We were like one happy family and developed a great team spirit."

Comprehensive

Following Aberdeen's comprehensive 5-1 win over St Mirren in the League, they'd lost just two of their previous 21 games and that's put the team in a confident frame of mind for the big clash

against Rangers.
"Confidence is really high at Pittodrie
and we just can't wait for the game," said
Jim, who's own form made him a late challenger for a place in Scotland's World Cup Squad.

know it all depends on the 90 minutes at Hampden, but if we play to our full potential I'm sure we can win the trophy." In terms of cup experience Aberdeen are very much small fry compared to Rangers who have such an impressive record in the competition. The Glasgow giants have reached the Final for the past seven years

"Experience can play a big part in matches like this, but you won't find us overawed by the occasion — even though many of us have never played in the Cup Final before

'We've all had experience in Europe or at international level so if we do lose it won't be because we couldn't handle the big-time.

've only played at Hampden Park once and that was in a Dryborough Cup Final in front of 7,000 people. It will be much different on Saturday.

"But at least the game gave us a chance to get the feel of the place," adds Jim. Aberdeen and Rangers played each other in a dress rehearsal at Pittodrie on Saturday. 'The Dons' entered the game undefeated in their previous three League meetings this season and had twice won

Record

"We've got a good record against them this season, but that won't count for

anything on Cup Final day.

"Rangers are a very strong side and they'll be difficult to beat. They've got players like Davie Cooper, Derek Johnstone and Bobby Russell who can turn the game on their own."

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hard time and our record against them isn't very healthy. We're determined to start putting that right at Hampdon Park.

"Gordon Strachan always seems to have a good game against us and it's in midfield where I think Aberdeen are strongest. They play with four in the middle of the park." John believes that Rangers'

vast experience in the Scottish Cup could swing the tie in favour of the Glasgow giants.

Nerves

"There's no doubt that **Dundee United showed signs of** nerves in last season's Final Most of our lads have done it all before and are used to Cup success at Hampden.

"In many ways we're the home team because the match is being played in Glasgow and that means we should get the better support. There's nothing better than having over 40,000 fans cheering you on."

On paper Rangers have had the easier of the two passages to the Final, but John says: "This has been our worst cup

run for a long time.

"Although we haven't met any of the top teams we've really struggled. We found it very hard to raise our game in the Semi-Final against Second **Division Forfar.**

"Instead of 50,000 fans cheering us on, there were just over 16,000 there. It just didn't seem like a cup semi-final," he admits

"We'd rather have played against a couple of the top sides. I regard the Final against Aberdeen as our first real test.

"Although we've struggled in the run-up, I'm sure you'll see the real Rangers out there on Saturday. We'll rise to the big occasion," promises the Scotland Under-21 international.

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ALAN ROUGH (Partick)

'I'm taking Aberdeen to win the Cup after a replay.

"It's going to be a hard, tight affair because there is not a lot to choose between

Aberdeen have been more consistent in the League and have proved something

Aberdeen have been more consistent in the Ledgue and lave proved solutioning of a bogey side to Rangers this season.

"But Rangers, after struggling for some time, have found form in recent weeks. "Gordon Strachan and Peter Weir are the potential match winners for Aberdeen while much will depend on how Alex McLeish and Willie Miller look after Rangers' dangermen Derek Johnstone and Davie Cooper.

"If Aberdeen remain solid at the back, then I think they'll win, probably at the

econd attempt." Prediction: ABERDEEN 2, RANGERS 1 (in replay).

DANNY McGRAIN (Celtic)

"It's a hard one to predict, but if both teams play to their full potential on the day, then I must take Aberdeen to win.
"They have been in tremendous form in the second half of the season and have been consistently among the goals.
"But I wouldn't be surprised if Rangers lifted the Cup because they have a great Cup tradition and have had their minds solely on this match for the past two

If Aberdeen can settle early on and conquer Final nerves, then I believe they can

do it.
"Men like Gordon Strachan, Willie Miller and Alex McLeish are their key players, and the latter pair will have to be at their best to hold Derek Johnstone who is a

threat to any team.
Prediction: ABERDEEN 2, RANGERS 1

Jim believes that he's playing the best football of his career and he says that much of the credit for that must go to the four defenders in front of him.

"I play behind the best back four in Scotland. Willie Miller and Alex McLeish are Scotland regulars, Stewart Kennedy should be, and Doug Rougvie is one of the most reliable defenders in the country.

"We've got a good relationship going and that gives everyone confidence. If you're not conceding goals it takes the pressure off

No limit

"There's no limit to what we can achieve at Aberdeen. We've got a tremendously strong squad and some youngsters with true potential waiting on the sidelines.

"In our run-up to the Cup Final we've used about 20 different players and still maintained our winning run. That's an indication of how bright our prospects are.

"It's great that teams like ourselves and Dundee United have emerged to challenge the stranglehold of Rangers and Celtic. It's certainly created more interest among Scottish fans.

'At last clubs have realised that they've got to hold on to their best players instead of selling them to the two Glasgow clubs. it's the only way we can compete."

Right: Aberdeen 'keeper Jim Leighton: "If we play to our full potential against Rangers I'm sure we can win."



MATCH VERDICT

ALL the form signs point to an

ALL the form signs point to an Aberdeen victory over holders Rangers in Saturday's Scottish FA Cup Final at Hampden Park.
While Rangers' League form has been erratic, Aberdeen have maintained impressive progress over the past three months to finish runners-up to Celtic for the second successive season in the Premier Division.

But, after analysing League form, one then has to consider Rangers' incredible capacity to move into overdrive when it comes to cup

nunting.
Cup veterans like Sandy Jardine,
Colin Jackson and Derek Johnstone
are tried and trusted campaigners
who can inspire their side on the big

On the other hand, Aberdeen have too often failed to produce the goods

too often failed to produce the goods when it mattered. It's their seventh Final since the last war, and they have only taken the Cup back to Pittodrie twice, the last time in 1970 when they toppled Celtic. Aberdeen's hopes will depend on how their Scottish international defenders Alex McLeish and Willie Miller and control the firenower of

Miller can control the firepower of Rangers' Johnstone and MacDonald. Miller has been Aberdeen's most

consistent performer this season, along with international colleague Gordon Strachan, the midfield star who could be their matchwinner on

In the opposite corner, new Scottish cap Jim Bett and the tricky Davie Cooper are capable of spreading panic in the Aberdeen defence.

It all adds up to a fascinating clash, with Aberdeen looking capable of barging in on Rangers' love affair with the Cup.

